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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. What is the maximum assured sum payable under the EPFO's Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI) Scheme?

1) Rs 2.5 lakh
2) Rs 7 lakh
3) Rs 5 lakh
4) Rs 6 lakh
5) Rs 4.5 lakh

Answer- **2) Rs 7 lakh**

Explanation:

Ministry of Labour & Employment implemented the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) board's decision to increase the maximum sum assured payable under the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance(EDLI) Scheme to Rs 7 lakh from Rs 6 lakh and approved the extension of minimum assurance benefit of Rs 2.5 lakh payable to family members of deceased employees who die while in service.

2. In April 2021, Indian Govt extended the deadline for making payments under the Vivad Se Vishwas by 2-months. Vivad Se Vishwas is a dispute resolution scheme under which organisation?

1) Department of Income Tax
2) Department of Goods and Services Tax
3) Department of Revenue
4) Central Bureau of Investigation
5) Land Ports Authority of India

Answer- **1) Department of Income Tax**

Explanation:

Indian Government extended the deadline for making payments under the Vivad Se Vishwas, the dispute resolution scheme, by 2 months till 30th June 2021 and also extended the deadlines for various compliance under Income Tax Act due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. What was India's Natural Gas production in FY21 as per the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas?

1) 15.93 BCM
2) 28.67 BCM
3) 30.50 BCM
4) 44.48 BCM
5) 8.96 BCM

Answer- **2) 28.67 BCM**

Explanation:

According to the data of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas(MoPNG), the crude oil production of India fell by 5% to 30.5 million tonnes in FY21 from 32.17 million tonnes in 2019-2020. The data also shows that Natural Gas production has also fallen by 8% to 28.67 billion cubic metres (BCM) in FY21 from around 31BCM in FY20.

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4. In April 2021, the Ministry of Finance announced an additional interest free loan worth Rs. 15,000 crores to state governments for capital expenditures.
Which of the following points are correctly related to India's capital expenditure allocations?
A) The Interest free loans are given to state governments with a repayment tenure of 50-years
B) Of the Rs. 15,000 crores, Rs. 2, 600 Crore was allocated for North-East and Hill States
C) Central Govt in Budget 2021-22 announced disinvestment in PSU's worth Rs. 2 lakh crores
1) Only A & C
2) All A, B & C
3) Only B & C
4) Only B
5) Only A & B
Answer- **5) Only A & B**
Explanation:
The Ministry of Finance, under the 'Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure' is set to provide an additional amount of Rs. 15,000 Crore to State Governments as Interest free 50-year loan for spending on Capital projects for the FY 2021-22.
i.Of the Rs. 15,000 crores, Rs. 2, 600 Crore was allocated for North-East and Hill States
ii. The Central Government announced to raise Rs. 1.75 Lakh crore through disinvestment in Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) during the FY 2021-22.

5. _____ Indian Naval ships were used in Operation Samudra Setu-II for bringing _____ to India.
1) 15, Indian citizens
2) 5, COVID-19 Vaccines
3) 7, COVID-19 Vaccines
4) 15, Oxygen Containers
5) 7, Oxygen Containers
Answer- **5) 7, Oxygen Containers**
Explanation:
Indian Navy has launched Operation Samudra Setu-II for shipment of Liquid oxygen-filled cryogenic containers & associated medical equipment to India from other countries. For this Operation, Indian Navy deployed 7 Indian Naval ships(INS) viz. INS Kolkata, INS Kochi, INS Talwar, INS Tabar, INS Trikand, INS Jalashwa and INS Airavat.

- In 'Operation Samudra Setu' 3,992 Indian citizens were brought back to India by the Navy.

6. Indian Army inaugurated its 1st Green Solar Energy Harnessing Plant of 56 KVA in _____ which was constructed in collaboration with _____.
1) North Ladakh, IIT Jammu
2) North Sikkim, IIT Mumbai
3) North Ladakh, IIT Mumbai
4) North Sikkim, IIT Ropar
5) North Ladakh, IIT Ropar
Answer- **2) North Sikkim, IIT Mumbai**
Explanation:
Indian Army Inaugurated its 1st Green Solar Energy Harnessing Plant of 56 KVA (KiloVolt-Ampere) in North Sikkim. The Plant uses Vanadium based battery Technology and is situated at an Altitude of 16000 Ft.

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- The project has been completed in collaboration with IIT Mumbai.
- 1st Green Solar Energy Harnessing Plant

7. In May 2021, Indian railways received the 100th Electric Locomotive manufactured in India by the French company 'Alstom'. Where were the locomotives manufactured?

1) Madhepura, Bihar
2) Asansol, West Bengal
3) Secunderabad, Telangana
4) Kapurthala, Punjab
5) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer- **1) Madhepura, Bihar**

Explanation:

Alstom, a French multinational rolling stock manufacturer successfully manufactured and delivered its 100th Electric Locomotive to the Indian Railways. The Locomotives are manufactured at Madhepura plant in Bihar. The plant is India's largest integrated greenfield manufacturing facility.

8. The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare announced the Foodgrains Production target for the crop year 2021-22.

Identify the points that are correctly related to the foodgrains target:

A) 307.3 Million Tonnes (MT) was the foodgrains production target set for 2021-22
B) Rice with 121.1 MT has the highest production target among foodgrains
C) In FY 2020-21 Agriculture contributed to 27.5% of India's GDP

1) Only A & C
2) All A, B & C
3) Only B & C
4) Only B
5) Only A & B

Answer- **5) Only A & B**

Explanation:

Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar has stated that the Government has set Foodgrains Production target for the crop year 2021-22 at 307.3 Million Tonnes (MT), the production target for 2020-21 was 301.92 MT.

Commodity	Production Target
Rice	121.1 MT
Wheat	110 MT

As per Economic Survey 2020-21, the share of Agriculture in GDP increased to 19.9% in 2020-21 (from 17.8% in 2019-20).

9. Where did the Finance Minister virtually inaugurated India's 1st 3D printed house?

1) IIT Bombay
2) IIT Roorkee
3) IIT Hyderabad
4) IIT Delhi
5) IIT Madras

Answer- **5) IIT Madras**

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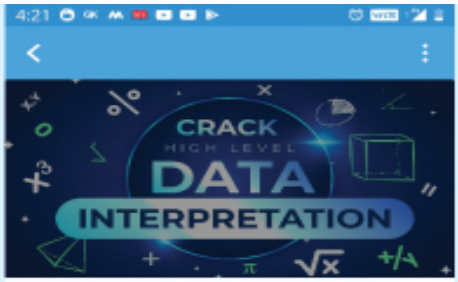

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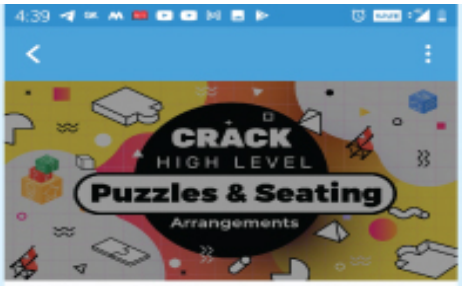

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Square Seating

Explanation:
Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman virtually inaugurated India's 1st 3D printed house at the IIT Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The single-storey home was built in just 5 days over an area of about 600 sq. ft using 'Concrete 3D Printing"

10. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) announced a target of Rs. 15 lakh crores for construction of Roads in India in the next 2 years.
Which are the points that are correctly related to India's road infrastructure projects?
A) India's National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) project is targeted to be completed by 2025
B) 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is allowed in the Road construction sector
C) For FY 2021-22, MoRTH set a target of constructing 40Km road per day
1) Only B & C
2) All A, B & C
3) Only C
4) Only A & C
5) Only A & B
Answer- **2) All A, B & C**
Explanation:
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) set a target of road construction of worth INR 15 Lakh Crore in the next 2 years.
i.Under the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP), around 7, 300 projects worth INR 111 Lakh Crores are set to be implemented by 2025.
ii. The Government has also permitted 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the road sector.
iii. MoRTH is set to achieve its target of constructing highways of 40 Kms per day in FY 2021-22.

11. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) issued guidelines for 'Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI)'.
Identify the points that are correctly related to PLISFPI:
A) PLISFPI was announced with a total outlay of INR 10,900 Crores for 6-years
B) 12 different food items are covered under the scheme for receiving incentives
C) Base year for the 1st four years of the scheme is FY 2019-20
1) Only B & C
2) All A, B & C
3) Only A
4) Only A & C
5) Only A & B
Answer- **4) Only A & C**
Explanation:
The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has issued guidelines for 'Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI)'.
i.PLISFPI was approved by the Union Cabinet with a total outlay of INR 10,900 Crores.
ii. Under the scheme incentives will be given for manufacturing of 4 Major Food Products- RTC/RTE, Processed Fruits & Vegetables, Marine Products & Mozzarella Cheese.
iii. The Scheme will provide incentives for 6 years from FY 2021-22 to 2026-27 on incremental sales over the base year.
iv. Base Year for first 4 years – 2019-20, for 5th & 6th year it would be 2021-22 & 2022-23.

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12. India's 1st supply of UCO (Used Cooking Oil) based Biodiesel blended Diesel was made by _____ in Delhi, to achieve India's target of blending _____ Biodiesel in Diesel by 2030.

1) Bharat Petroleum, 5%
2) Indian Oil, 5%
3) Bharat Petroleum, 10%
4) Bharat Petroleum, 20%
5) Indian Oil, 20%

Answer- 2) Indian Oil, 5%

Explanation:

Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan virtually flagged off the 1st supply of UCO (Used Cooking Oil) based Biodiesel blended Diesel from IndianOil's Tikrikalan Terminal, **Delhi**.

i.India has set a target to achieve **5%** blending of Biodiesel in Diesel by **2030**.

ii. India has set a target of 10% (10% of ethanol mixed with 90% of petrol) blending by 2022 and 20% blending by 2025.

4. Which organisation will act as the implementing agency for setting-up Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) medical oxygen plants at 581 sites in various states?

1) National Highways Authority of India
2) Solar Energy Corporation of India
3) Indian Oil Corporation
4) Defence Research & Development Organisation
5) NITI Aayog

Answer- 1) National Highways Authority of India

Explanation:

Due to the shortage of medical oxygen in many state hospitals, Union Minister of Road, Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari announced the installation of Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) medical oxygen plants at 581 sites in various states.

i.The National Highways Authority of India (**NHAI**), will act as the **nodal agency** for executing civil and electrical work of the medical oxygen plants.

13. Where is the Central Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute that successfully tested India's 1st-ever electric tractor?

1) Karnal, Haryana
2) Palampur, Himachal Pradesh
3) Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
4) Budni, Madhya Pradesh
5) Bidar, Karnataka

Answer- **4) Budni, Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

India's 1st-ever electric tractor was successfully tested at the Central Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute at Budni, Madhya Pradesh.

14. Which state govt announced to conduct "Jagananna Swachha Sankalpam programme" on July 8,2021?

1) Bihar
2) Karnataka
3) Odisha

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4) Andhra Pradesh
5) Telangana
Answer- **4) Andhra Pradesh**
Explanation:
Andhra Pradesh government plans to launch Clean Andhra Pradesh (CLAP) Jagananna Swachha Sankalpam programme on July 8,2021 to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister Y.S. Rajashekar Reddy.

15. Which of the following was made applicable to the Unorganised sector worker by the Labour Ministry's recent (in May'21) clarification on Section 142 of Social Security Code, 2020?
1) Maternity Benefits
2) Employees' Provident Funds
3) Payment of Gratuity
4) Aadhaar
5) Employees' State Insurance
Answer- **4) Aadhaar**
Explanation:
Ministry of Labour & Employment has notified Section 142 of the Social Security Code, 2020 which covers the applicability of Aadhar. It will enable the Labour Ministry to **collect Aadhar data of workers in the Unorganized Sector**.
i.In September 2020, President Ram Nath Kovind gave assent to 3 Labour codes –

- Code on Social Security 2020
- Occupational Safety, Health and Working Condition Code 2020
- Industrial Relation Code 2020

16. In May 2021, the Union Cabinet gave approval to several initiatives.
Which of the following points are correctly related to the approvals?
A) 5 Kgs of Free Rice will be provided for 8-months (Jan-Aug'21) under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY)
B) Under National Food Security Act, India provides subsidised food grains to 90% of the Rural Population
C) India & UK to sign MoU on Global Innovation Partnership (GIP) enabling intercountry E-BAAZAR
1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only C
4) Only A & C
5) Only A
Answer- **3) Only C**
Explanation:
On May 5, 2021, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave approval for several initiatives.
i.The cabinet has accorded approval to the allocation of additional foodgrain under Phase-III of **PM-GKAY** for another period of **2 months** – May to June 2021.

- Each beneficiary will get **5 Kg of rice** per month for **free** of cost.

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- It is legally entitled, **75%** of the rural population & **50%** of the urban population to receive subsidized food grains under National Food Security Act, (NFSA) 2013.

ii. Approval to MoU between India & United Kingdom (**UK**) on **Global Innovation Partnership (GIP)**

- GIP is set to develop an open and inclusive e-marketplace (**E-BAAZAR**) for cross border innovation transfer.

17. Which institution launched the 'Mission Bharat O2' challenge to develop indigenous solutions for solving India's oxygen crisis?

1) IIT Kanpur
2) IIT Madras
3) IIT Guwahati
4) IIT Bombay
5) IIT Delhi

Answer- **1) IIT Kanpur**

Explanation:

Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) of IIT Kanpur, has launched 'Mission Bharat O2' challenge to develop indigenous solutions for solving India's oxygen crisis.

18. Technology company, 'Ecoppia' will manufacture Robotic Solar Cleaning Technology in India, for its project in UAE. 'Ecoppia' belongs to which country?

1) USA
2) Germany
3) Japan
4) Israel
5) Belgium

Answer- **4) Israel**

Explanation:

An Israel-based company 'Ecoppia' is set to produce robotic solar cleaning technology in India for a project in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The project will take place through the Trilateral cooperation agreement between Israel, India, and UAE, which is the 1st of its kind between the 3 countries.

19. Indian Railways inducted its 100th 12000 HP WAG 12 B locomotive in May 2021. Which company manufactured the rail locomotives?

1) Integral Coach Factory
2) Golden Rock Railway Workshop
3) Madhepura Electric Locomotive Private Ltd
4) Chittaranjan Locomotive Works
5) Titagarh Wagons Ltd

Answer- **3) Madhepura Electric Locomotive Private Ltd**

Explanation:

Indian Railways inducted its 100th 12000 HP WAG 12 B locomotive manufactured by Madhepura Electric Locomotive Private Limited (MELPL) under the Make in India programme.

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20. What is the spectrum allocated by the Dept. of Telecommunication for conducting 5G trials in India?

1) 900 MHz
2) 1800 MHz
3) 2500 MHz
4) 800 MHz
5) All the Above

Answer- **5) All the Above**

Explanation:

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications has permitted the telecom service providers (TSPs) including Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio Infocomm, Vodafone Idea, and MTNL to conduct the 5G trial in India.

The operators are permitted to use their existing spectrums for the (800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz and 2500 MHz) 5G trial.

21. Which state govt. launched the "Mukhyamantri Sewa Sanklap Helpline 1100" a dedicated helpline for COVID-19 related issues?

1) Gujarat
2) Uttarakhand
3) Assam
4) Arunachal Pradesh
5) Himachal Pradesh

Answer- **5) Himachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

Jai Ram Thakur, Chief Minister(CM) of **Himachal Pradesh** launched a dedicated COVID-19 helpline **"Mukhyamantri Sewa Sanklap Helpline 1100"** in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. The helpline is aimed to support the people regarding the COVID-19 related issues.

22. Which Ministry mandated the issuing of certificates of disability only through online mode using Unique Disability ID Portal (UDID Portal)?

1) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
2) Ministry of Minority Affairs
3) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
4) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
5) Ministry of Women and Child Development

Answer- **4) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**

Explanation:

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE)** has issued a notification mandating all State/UT Governments to issue a certificate of disability through **online mode only** using Unique Disability ID Portal (**UDID Portal**) – (www.swavlambancard.gov.in) from June 1, 2021.

23. Name the anti-COVID-19 Operation that was launched by Indian Armed Forces in May 2021.

1) CO-SENA
2) CO-JEET
3) NAMASTE

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4) SAMUDRA SETU
5) CO-SETU
Answer- **2) CO-JEET**
Explanation:
The Indian Armed Forces has launched operation "**CO-JEET**" to support anti-COVID-19 efforts of the country.
Lieutenant General **Dr. Madhuri Kanitkar** is monitoring the steps & working on strategies to provide relief to Covid-19 Patients.

24. Which state govt. announced to award 'Manoj Das International Literary Award' annually on English Literature?
1) Madhya Pradesh
2) Odisha
3) Chhattisgarh
4) Bihar
5) West Bengal
Answer- **2) Odisha**
Explanation:
Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced 'Manoj Das International Literary Award' on English Literature in memory of eminent litterateur, Padma awardee Manoj Das, who died on April 27.

25. _____ became the 1st Indian state to have an online flood reporting system called Flood Reporting and Information Management System (FRIMS), which was developed in collaboration with _____.
1) Uttar Pradesh, World Bank
2) Assam, UNICEF
3) Odisha, World Bank
4) Bihar, UNICEF
5) Uttarakhand, UNICEF
Answer- **2) Assam, UNICEF**
Explanation:
On May 8, 2021, Jishnu Barua, Chief Secretary, **Assam** launched a real-time Digital – **Flood Reporting and Information Management System (FRIMS)**. With this launch, Assam became the 1st state in India to adopt an online flood reporting system.
FRIMS was developed jointly by Assam State Disaster Management Agency(**ASDMA**) and United Nations Children's Fund(**UNICEF**).

26. In May 2021, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) announced 48.32 sq. kms around _____ as an Eco-Sensitive Zone.
1) Vikramshila Dolphin Sanctuary
2) Puttenahalli Lake
3) Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary
4) Haliday Island Wildlife Sanctuary
5) Okhla Sanctuary
Answer- **3) Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary**

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Explanation:
The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has notified 48.32 Square Kilometres area around the **Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary (TCFS)**, Thane, Maharashtra as an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ).
About MoEFCC:
Union Minister – Prakash Javadekar (Rajya Sabha, Maharashtra)
Minister of State – Babul Supriyo (Lok Sabha – Asansol, West Bengal)

27. In May 2021, the Ministry of Agriculture has formulated a special Kharif strategy for 2021 with Special focus on which crop?
1) Cotton
2) Vegetables
3) Soyabean
4) Jute
5) Pulses
Answer- **5) Pulses**
Explanation:
The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare(MoAFW) formulated a special Kharif strategy for implementation in the ensuing Kharif 2021 season. The strategy aims to attain self-sufficiency in the production of **pulses** like Tur, Moong and Urad.

28. In May 2021, Miyon ka Bara railway station was renamed to Mahesh Nagar railway station. Where is it located?
1) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
2) Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
3) Faridabad, Haryana
4) Nashik, Maharashtra
5) Surat, Gujarat
Answer- **1) Jodhpur, Rajasthan**
Explanation:
The Miyon ka Bara railway station has been renamed to Mahesh Nagar railway station in Jodhpur, Rajasthan after getting an approval. The name of the village changed from Miyon ka Bara to Mahesh Nagar 2018.

29. In May 2021, The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) made changes to the Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) Scheme Phase-II.
Correctly identify the changes that were made to the CPSU Scheme:
A) Traffic Charged on Power Distribution Companies were revised to Rs. 2.45/unit
B) Maximum Permissible Viability Gap Funding (VGF) is revised to Rs. 0.55 crores/MegaWatt
C) Only companies in which 50% stakes were owned by Central/ State Governments organizations are eligible to avail the benefits of the scheme
1) Only A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only A
4) Only A & C
5) Only A & B

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Answer- **1) Only A, B & C**

Explanation:

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has released new guidelines for implementation of Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) Scheme Phase-II.

i.Revised Maximum Tariff (charged on Power Distribution Companies) – **INR 2.45/unit**.

ii. Reduced the Maximum Permissible Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to **INR 0.55 Crore/MegaWatt (MW).**

iii.Eligible Organisations – PSUs/Government Organisations who are under administrative control or have 50% shareholding of Central/State Government.

30. In 2021, Area of Cultivation of Summer Crops increased by 21.58% compared to 2020. What is the main cause behind this change?

1) Increase in Agricultural Exports
2) Increase in Cultivation area for Oilseeds
3) Higher Workforce involving in Agriculture due to Covid-19
4) Increase in Cultivation area for Pulses
5) Higher domestic consumption of produces, linked with Covid-19

Answer- **4) Increase in Cultivation area for Pulses**

Explanation:

Area of Cultivation of Summer Crops increased by 21.58% in 2021 from 2020. i.e.Summer crops were Cultivated in 80.02 lakh hectares in 2021 as against 65.82 lakh hectares in 2020 due to the increase in cultivation area of **Pulses**.

31. In May 2021, the Union Cabinet gave approval to several initiatives including the changes made to the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme.

Select the points that are correct with respect to the context of the recent approvals.

A) A National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage was included under PLI scheme with an outlay of Rs. 18,100 crore

B) All ACC should possess a minimum manufacturing capacity of 5 GWh

C) Himachal Pradesh govt. will use land owned by ITBP for construction of 'Aerial Passenger Ropeway System'

1) Only B
2) Only B & C
3) All A, B & C
4) Only A & B
5) Only A

Answer- **4) Only A & B**

Explanation:

In May 2021, Union Cabinet gave approval to the following:

i.Production Linked Incentive (**PLI**) Scheme – '**National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage**' with a Total Outlay of **INR 18, 100 Crore.**

- Each selected ACC battery Storage manufacturer needs to set up an ACC manufacturing facility of **minimum 5 GWh capacity**.

ii. Transfer of 1500 sq. metres of land belonging to Indo-Tibetan Border Police (**ITBP**) at Mussoorie to the **Uttarakhand** government for construction of '**Aerial Passenger Ropeway System**'.

iii. Signing of MoU between Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (**ICAI**) & Qatar Financial Centre Authority (**QFCA**).

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32. According to the report released by CEEW-CEF, India added _____ power generation capacity in 2020-21 with 7.7 GW from _____.

1) 12.1 GW, Coal Energy
2) 14.8 GW, Solar Energy
3) 12.1 GW, Renewable Energy
4) 14.8 GW, Renewable Energy
5) 13.3 GW, Coal Energy

Answer- **3) 12.1 GW, Renewable Energy**

Explanation:

According to the Council on Energy, Environment and Water-Centre for Energy Finance (**CEEW-CEF**) Market Handbook 2020-21, **India added 12.1 GigaWatt (GW)** power generation capacity in 2020-21, of which **7.7 GW** was from **renewable energy** sources (64%), followed by coal/lignite (3.9 GW) segment.

33. In May 2021, National Bamboo Mission (NBM) launched the MIS Module (Management Information Systems). Development of which industry is focused through MIS Module?

1) Pharmaceutical
2) Khadi
3) Horticulture
4) Agarbatti
5) Rubber

Answer- **4) Agarbatti**

Explanation:

National Bamboo Mission (**NBM**) has launched an **MIS Module (Management Information Systems)** for strengthening the domestic **Agarbatti Industry.**

i.NBM comes under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

34. The Ministry of Agriculture allocated Rs. 2250 crores under "Mission for Integrated Development of _____" for FY 2021-22, While India witnessed the highest production in the sector in _____.

1) Horticulture, FY 2020-2021
2) Silviculture, FY 2020-2021
3) Pisciculture, FY 2020-2021
4) Horticulture, FY 2019-2020
5) Pisciculture, FY 2019-2020

Answer- **4) Horticulture, FY 2019-2020**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) allocated INR 2250 Crore for FY 2021-22 for '**Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture**' (MIDH), a centrally sponsored scheme.

i.During the **FY 2019-20, India recorded its highest ever horticulture production** of 320.77 Million Tonnes (MT)

ii.MIDH covers fruits, vegetables, root & tuber crops, mushrooms, spice, flowers, Aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo.

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35. In May 2021, the Environment Ministry recommended the 'Great Nicobar Plan' for grant of Terms & References of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies.
What are the points that are correctly related to the "Great Nicobar Plan"?
A) The 'Great Nicobar Plan' was proposed by the 15th Finance Commission
B) It was estimated with an outlay of Rs. 75,000 crores for development of Great Nicobar
C) Galathea Bay in Great Nicobar is an iconic site for the nesting of Giant Leatherback turtles
1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only C
4) Only A & C
5) Only A & B
Answer- **2) Only B & C**
Explanation:
The Environment Appraisal Committee (EAC) – Infrastructure I of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has recommended **NITI Aayog's** project **'Great Nicobar Plan'** for "grant of Terms of Reference (TOR)" for Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies.
i.NITI Aayog proposed **INR 75, 000 Crores** for development of Greater Nicobar, including International container transshipment terminal (at Galathea Bay), a greenfield international airport, and a power plant.
ii.Galathea Bay is the site of the proposed port by the NITI Aayog is an iconic site for the **nesting of Giant Leatherback turtles** in Greater Nicobar.

36. Which is the 1st Indian state to join the Global COVAX Alliance?
1) Maharashtra
2) Kerala
3) Punjab
4) Tamil Nadu
5) Gujarat
Answer- **3) Punjab**
Explanation:
Punjab is set to become the **1st** Indian state to join the **Global COVAX (COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access) Alliance**. Joining the Alliance will help Punjab to address the Anti-Covid-19 vaccine shortage & to **procure vaccines at the best price.**
i.COVAX is a global initiative co-led by Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations **(CEPI), GAVI Alliance**, **WHO** and key delivery partner **UNICEF**.
ii. Punjab Cabinet has approved the **'Punjab Prison Rules, 2021'**, to set new rules that emphasis on safety, security & welfare of prisoners.

37. Which state/UT recently (in May'21) became 'Har Ghar Jal' under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) with 100% piped water connections in the rural area?
1) Assam
2) New Delhi
3) Ladakh
4) Tripura
5) Puducherry
Answer- **5) Puducherry**

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Explanation:
Puducherry has become **'Har Ghar Jal'** Union Territory(UT) by achieving the target of 100% piped water connection in rural areas under the **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).** For this JJM has set the target year as **2024**. With this, Puducherry becomes 2nd 'Har Ghar Jal UT and the 4th State/UT after Goa, Telangana and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

38. Which state/UT govt. launched "Mission Oxygen" to increase oxygen production to combat the 3rd wave of COVID-19?
1) Punjab
2) New Delhi
3) Ladakh
4) Maharashtra
5) Puducherry
Answer- **4) Maharashtra**
Explanation:
Maharashtra Chief Minister(CM) Uddhav Thackeray introduced "Mission Oxygen" to combat the third wave of COVID-19.

39. Nutritious food is provided to COVID-19 affected patients in the hospitals of _____ under the Free Swastha Aahar Yojana.
1) Mumbai
2) New Delhi
3) Bhopal
4) Kolkata
5) Chennai
Answer- **3) Bhopal**
Explanation:
Madhya Pradesh's Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang has launched the **Free Swastha Aahar Yojana** (Healthy Food Scheme) for the corona patients in **Bhopal**.

40. In May 2021, _____ announced a Climate Change partnership with India, to assist India in achieving its targeted Renewable Energy generation of _____ by 2030.
1) Finland, 650 GigaWatts
2) USA, 450 GigaWatts
3) Canada, 650 GigaWatts
4) Finland, 450 GigaWatts
5) USA, 650 GigaWatts
Answer- **2) USA, 450 GigaWatts**
Explanation:
The United States is set to partner with India on climate change, it will assist India to achieve its target of deploying **450 GigaWatts** (GW) of Renewable Energy (RE) by **2030**.
Globally, India is the 3rd CO2 emitter after China, USA.

41. Malerkotla became the newest & 23rd district of which state?
1) Uttarakhand
2) Punjab

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3) Sikkim
4) Assam
5) Himachal Pradesh
Answer- **2) Punjab**
Explanation:
Amarinder Singh, Chief Minister of Punjab announced **Malerkotla** as the 23rd district of **Punjab**. The district was created by carving the only Muslim majority town from Sangrur district.

42. NABARD in partnership with MCCIA launched India's 1st Agriculture Export Facilitation Center (AEFC).
What are the points that are correctly related to India's Agricultural exports?
A) India's Agricultural exports stood at INR 2.53 Lakh Crores in 2019-20
B) India targets to achieve USD 60 Billion in Agricultural Exports by 2022
C) India's 1st AEFC was established in Surat, Gujarat
1) All A, B & C
2) Only A
3) Only C
4) Only B & C
5) Only A & B
Answer- **5) Only A & B**
Explanation:
Mahratta Chamber of Commerce Industries & Agriculture (MCCIA) in partnership with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) has launched **India's 1st Agriculture Export Facilitation Center** (AEFC) in **Pune, Maharashtra**.
i.India's Agricultural exports stood at **INR 2.53 Lakh Crores** in 2019-20.
ii. India also targets to achieve **USD 60 Billion** in Agricultural Exports by **2022**.

43. Which city topped the 'State of Indian Healthcare – Indian Cities through the lens of healthcare 2021' report that was released by Housing.com?
1) Pune
2) Ahmedabad
3) Bengaluru
4) Hyderabad
5) Kolkata
Answer- **1) Pune**
Explanation:
According to **'State of Indian Healthcare – Indian Cities through the lens of healthcare 2021' report** released by Housing.com, a real estate portal – **Pune**, Maharashtra is the healthiest city among the top 8 urban cities of India

44. Which state government launched the 'Corona Mukt Pind Abhiyaan' programme to manage the spread of COVID-19 in rural areas?
1) Assam
2) Sikkim
3) Punjab
4) Maharashtra

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5) West Bengal
Answer- **3) Punjab**
Explanation:
Chief Minister of **Punjab**, Amarinder Singh announced a distinct COVID Fateh programme as part of the **'Corona Mukt Pind Abhiyaan'** to manage the spread of COVID-19 in the rural areas of Punjab.

45. Which state government launched the 15 day long 'Maru Gam – Corona Mukt Gam' or 'My Village – Corona Free Village' campaign to manage the spread of COVID-19 in rural areas?
1) Madhya Pradesh
2) Gujarat
3) Punjab
4) Maharashtra
5) Rajasthan
Answer- **2) Gujarat**
Explanation:
Gujarat Chief Minister (CM), Vijay Rupani Launched 15 day long **'Maru Gam – Corona Mukt Gam' or 'My Village – Corona Free Village' campaign** on May 1, 2021 to check the spread of Covid-19 in rural areas of Gujarat.

46. World's 1st Private Digital Court was launched by 'Jupitice Justice Technologies' using Blockchain & AI. Where is the company located?
1) Noida
2) Delhi
3) Mumbai
4) Chandigarh
5) Gurugram
Answer- **4) Chandigarh**
Explanation:
'Jupitice Justice Technologies', a **Chandigarh**-based startup has developed **World's 1st Private Digital Court** (powered by Blockchain & Artificial Intelligence) to resolve disputes under the Private Justice System through Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms (**ADR**).
i.ADR is the method where, Disputes are settled amicably without intervention of any Judicial institutions.

47. Identify the points that are correctly related to Ayushman Bharat projects:
A) Karnataka is ranked number 1 in establishing Health & Wellness Centre (HWC) under the Ayushman Bharat project for 2020-21
B) Ayushman Bharat was launched in 2018 with 2 main pillars - HWCs & Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)
C) Ayushman Bharat targets to establish 1.5 lakh functional AB-HWCs by December 2022
1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only A & B
4) Only A & C
5) Only C
Answer- **1) All A, B & C**

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Explanation:
Karnataka was ranked as Number 1 state in establishing a Health & Wellness Centre (HWC) under the Ayushman Bharat project for the year 2020-21.
i.Ayushman Bharat was launched in **2018** with its two main pillars of HWCs & Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY).
ii.Target - 1.5 lakh functional AB-HWCs by December **2022**.

48. In May 2021, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) notified the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Amendment Rules, 2021.
Select are the points that are correct with respect to CBIC and its recent amendment:
A) Imported Goods are permitted for "Job Work"
B) Gold & Precious Stone sector is allowed to import goods at concessional Customs duty
C) "ICEGATE portal" is CBIC new single portal to regulate all registrations
1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only A & B
4) Only A & C
5) Only C
Answer- **4) Only A & C**
Explanation:
The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (**CBIC**) notified the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Amendment Rules, 2021.
i.The new amendment **permits** imported goods to be sent out for **'job work',** which will benefit the MSME sector.
ii. Importers which do not have manufacturing facilities can avail the IGCR, 2017 to **import goods at concessional Customs duty.** However, this facility is **not applicable** for sectors like gold, jewellery, precious stones and metals.
iii.CBIC new single portal to regulate all registrations - "**ICEGATE portal**"
About CBIC:
Chairman – M. Ajit Kumar
Headquarters – New Delhi

49. In May 2021, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs announced _____ as the top implementer of Smart City Mission, that was launched in _____ with a total outlay of Rs. 48,000 crores.
1) Kerala, 2015
2) Gujarat, 2018
3) Maharashtra, 2018
4) Rajasthan, 2018
5) Jharkhand, 2015
Answer- **5) Jharkhand, 2015**
Explanation:
Jharkhand has clinched the 1st Position among the 36 States & UTs of India based on the progress of implementation of **Smart City projects**, Rajasthan came second in the rankings. The rankings were released by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (**MoHUA**).
i.Smart City Mission was launched in **2015** with an overlay of **INR 48, 000 Crore**.

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About MoHUA:

Minister of State (I/C) – Hardeep Singh Puri (Rajya Sabha – UP)

50. _____ signed an MoU with National Health Authority (NHA) to provide health insurance with a coverage of _____ under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

1) Tamil Nadu, Rs. 10 lakhs
2) Telangana, Rs. 5 lakhs
3) Rajasthan, Rs. 10 lakhs
4) Rajasthan, Rs. 5 lakhs
5) Telangana, Rs. 10 lakhs

Answer- **2) Telangana, Rs. 5 lakhs**

Explanation:

Telangana Medical and Health department has signed an MoU with the National Health Authority (NHA) for the implementation of Ayushman Bharat (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana(PMJAY)) scheme in the State.

i.The health insurance coverage is for **Rs 5 lakh** for beneficiaries.

51. The Ministry of Culture announced India's Tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, which consists of 6 potential sites.

Identify the points that are correctly related to the UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India:

A) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) proposes the potential sites to the Ministry of Culture

B) The Tentative list includes Temples of Kanchipuram from Tamil Nadu

C) There are a total of 38 UNESCO World Heritage sites in India, including the last added site - Satpura Tiger Reserve

1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only A
4) Only A & C
5) Only A & B

Answer- **5) Only A & B**

Explanation:

6 places were added to India's tentative list of UNESCO's (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Heritage sites. The sites include - **Temples of Kanchipuram (Tamil Nadu), Satpura Tiger Reserve (Madhya Pradesh).**

i.9 sites were proposed by the **Archaeological Survey of India** (ASI), in which 6 were selected by the Ministry of Culture.

ii. There are **38 UNESCO** - World Heritage Sites in India.

iii. Last Added World Heritage Site from India – **Jaipur City**, Rajasthan in **2019**.

52. Which state govt. allocated 50 acres of land for the establishment of National Institute of Medicinal Plants (NIMP)?

1) Rajasthan
2) Bihar
3) Madhya Pradesh
4) Maharashtra
5) Uttar Pradesh

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Answer- **4) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

The Chief Minister(CM) of **Maharashtra** approved the proposal to **allocate 50 Acres of land** in the district of Sindhudurg to establish the **National Institute of Medicinal Plants (NIMP)**. The allocated land located in the Aadali village of Dodamarg taluka will be handed over to the **Ministry of AYUSH**.

53. In May 2021, the Ministry of Home Affairs extended the validity of registration for NGOs in India due to Covid-19.

What are the points that are correctly related to Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA)?

A) Validity certificates of all NGOs are extended till 30th September 2021

B) To receive foreign contribution, all NGOs should open a 'FCRA account' in Reserve Bank of India

C) As per FCRA Amendment Bill - 2020, NGOs shall be at least 1 year-old to receive foreign contributions

1) Only C
2) Only B & C
3) Only A
4) Only A & B
5) Only B

Answer- **3) Only A**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) extended the validity of registration certificates granted to Non-Government Organisations (**NGOs**) under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 2010 **till September 30, 202**1 due to restrictions imposed in view of COVID-19.

i.To receive Foreign Contribution, all NGOs have to open a **'FCRA account'** at **State Bank of India**, New Delhi Main Branch (SBI NDMB) before June 30, 2021.

ii. As per FCRA Amendment Bill - 2020, **NGOs** intending to receive foreign funding must be **at least 3 years old** and must have **spent INR 15 Lakh** in voluntary activities prior to their applications.

54. "Elderline" call centers were established across India to address the difficulties faced by senior citizens during COVID-19 pandemic. Which Ministry has set-up the Elderline call centers?

1) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
2) Ministry of Law and Justice
3) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
4) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
5) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer- **5) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**

Explanation:

The **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment** started the state-wise call centres under the **Elderline project** to address the difficulties faced by the elders due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The elderly can reach the call centres through the toll-free number – **14567**. The Ministry is working towards making the call centres functional in all the states by the end of **May 2021**.

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55. Which government body partnered (in Apr'21) with the Department of Higher Education to launch an innovation challenge for developing applications on "Indian Language Learning"?
1) University Grants Commission
2) MyGov
3) NITI Aayog
4) Central Institute of Indian Languages
5) University of Delhi
Answer- **2) MyGov**
Explanation:
MyGov in association with the **Department of Higher Education** (DHE) launched an innovation challenge, for developing an application on **"Indian Language Learning"** to promote regional language literacy.

56. Which state increased its per capita income to Rs. 1.70 lakhs per annum in 2020-21, in comparison with All India per capita income of Rs 1.34 Lakh per annum in 2019-20?
1) Tamil Nadu
2) Kerala
3) Maharashtra
4) West Bengal
5) Andhra Pradesh
Answer- **5) Andhra Pradesh**
Explanation:
Andhra Pradesh (AP) Finance Minister (FM) Buggana Rajendranath Reddy presented the State Budget for the FY 2021-22 with an outlay of **INR 2.29 Lakh Crore.**
i.INR 7, 200 Crore allocated for **Dr. YSR Rythu Bharosa-PM Kisan Scheme**
ii. Per Capita Income of the State increased to **INR 1.70 Lakh per annum** in 2020-21 compared to INR 1.68 Lakh of AP & **INR 1.34 Lakh** per annum as the **All India per capita income for 2019-20.**

57. Which state's Police initiated a new program called "Mission Hausla" to help people COVID-19 patients to get oxygen, beds and plasma?
1) Maharashtra
2) West Bengal
3) Telangana
4) Uttar Pradesh
5) Uttarakhand
Answer- **5) Uttarakhand**
Explanation:
The **Uttarakhand police** launched a drive **"Mission Hausla"** to help people COVID-19 patients to get oxygen, beds and plasma. The police are also supporting the people to get ration and help them with ambulance service, cremation of bodies as a part of the mission.

58. Identify the points that are correctly related to Indian Insurance Companies (Foreign Investment) Amendment Rules, 2021:
A) The amendment rules for the FDI in insurance companies was notified by the IRDAI
B) As per the new amendments, FDI limit in insurance sector is increased to 51% form the existing 25%

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C) At Least one of the 3 top positions – Chairperson of the board, the MD and CEO in the insurance company shall be held by a resident Indian citizen

1) Only A & C
2) Only A
3) Only B & C
4) Only C
5) Only A & B

Answer- **4) Only C**

Explanation:

The **Ministry of Finance** notified the Indian Insurance Companies (Foreign Investment) Amendment Rules, 2021 which increases the Foreign Direct Investment (**FDI**) limit in the Insurance sector to **74% from the existing 49%**.

i.FDI in the insurance sector was increased from 26% to 49% in 2015.

ii. According to the new norms, Majority of board members, Key Management Persons (KMP) need to be **resident Indian citizens**, as should be at least **one of the 3 top positions** – Chairperson of the board, the MD and CEO.

59. Who released the 'CCI Journal on Competition Law and Policy' during the foundation day celebration of Competition Commission of India(CCI)?

1) Atul Verma
2) Prakash Javadekar
3) Nirmala Sitharaman
4) Amit Banerjee
5) Anurag Singh Thakur

Answer- **3) Nirmala Sitharaman**

Explanation:

Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs released the **'CCI Journal on Competition Law and Policy'** at the virtual event organised to commemorate the 12th founding day of the Competition Commission of India(CCI).

About CCI:

Director General – Dr. Atul Verma
Headquarters – New Delhi
Established – 20th May 2009

60. Which organisation launched the tele-counselling helpline 'SAMVEDNA'?

1) National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
2) National Commission for Minorities
3) National Commission for Backward Classes
4) National Human Rights Commission of India
5) National Commission for Women

Answer- **1) National Commission for Protection of Child Rights**

Explanation:

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (**NCPCR**) under the aegis of Ministry of Women and Child Development has been providing **Tele-Counselling** to children affected during COVID 19 Pandemic through **SAMVEDNA** -Toll-Free Helpline.

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SAMVEDNA - Sensitizing Action on Mental Health Vulnerability through Emotional Development and Necessary Acceptance.

61. Which was the 1st Indian state to reimburse Goods and services tax (GST) paid on Covid-related donations made to the state and state-run organisations?
1) Tamil Nadu
2) Rajasthan
3) West Bengal
4) Uttar Pradesh
5) Haryana
Answer- **5) Haryana**
Explanation:
Haryana became the first state in the country to reimburse Goods and services tax (GST) paid on Covid-related donations made to the state and state-run organisations. This will be applicable till June 30.

62. _____ launched the 1st of its kind Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Program on rehabilitation of Divyangjan, which was a result of the MoU signed between India & _____.
1) Prakash Javadekar, Japan
2) Thaawarchand Gehlot, Japan
3) Thaawarchand Gehlot, Australia
4) Prakash Javadekar, Australia
5) Prakash Javadekar, South Korea
Answer- **3) Thaawarchand Gehlot, Australia**
Explanation:
Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, **Thaawarchand Gehlot** virtually launched a first of its kind 6-month **Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Program on rehabilitation of Divyangjan**.
This course is co-designed by Rehabilitation Council of India and University of Melbourne as a joint initiative under the MoU signed between **Australia and India** in 2018.

63. Which organisation virtually organised the 51st edition of Indian Handicrafts and Gift Fair (IHGF) in May 2021?
1) Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts
2) National Small Industries Corporation
3) Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India
4) Handicraft and Handloom Export Corporation of India
5) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
Answer- **1) Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts**
Explanation:
The **51st Edition** of virtual **Indian Handicrafts and Gift Fair (IHGF) 2021** organized by **Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH)** took place from May 19-23, 2021. It is India's largest Virtual Fair in the Home, Fashion, Lifestyle, Textiles and Furniture sector.

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64. Which state launched the "Sanjeevani Pariyojana" program to provide quick Covid-19 medical care at home for people in rural areas?
1) Uttarakhand
2) Andhra Pradesh
3) Haryana
4) Chhattisgarh
5) Goa
Answer- **3) Haryana**
Explanation:
Haryana Chief Minister launched **'Sanjeevani Pariyojana'** to provide for supervised and quick medical care at home for people in rural areas with mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19.

65. India is planning to re-introduce 10 Cheetahs from _____ in November 2021 at _____ for the 1st time since Cheetahs were declared extinct in India in 1952.
1) Africa, Kuno National Park
2) South America, Balphakram National Park
3) South America, Kuno National Park
4) Africa, Balphakram National Park
5) Africa, Madhav National Park
Answer- **1) Africa, Kuno National Park**
Explanation:
Cheetah, declared extinct in India in **1952** is set to be re-introduced into India in November, 2021 at the **Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh (MP)**. It is the 1st time in the world that a large carnivore will be relocated from one continent to another.
Under **'Project Cheetah',** 10 **African** Cheetahs will be brought from South Africa & Namibia and reintroduced in India.

66. The National Mission on the use of Biomass in _____ was set-up by the Ministry of Power with a minimum duration of _____.
1) Coal-based Thermal Power plants, 10 years
2) Gas-fired Thermal Power plants, 5 years
3) Geothermal Power plants, 10 years
4) Gas-fired Thermal Power plants, 10 years
5) Coal-based Thermal Power plant, 5 years
Answer- **5) Coal-based Thermal Power plant, 5 years**
Explanation:
The Ministry of Power is set to establish a **National Mission** on the use of **Biomass in coal-based Thermal Power Plants** with a minimum mission duration of **5 years**.
i.It will address the issue of air pollution caused by farm stubble burning

67. In May 2021, the Union Cabinet gave approval for several key initiatives.
Identify the points that are correctly related to the approvals:
A) Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICoAI) will sign an MoU with its Australian counterpart Institute of Public Accountants (IPA)
B) Creation of a new post of Director in the NDRF Academy in Nagpur, Maharashtra
C) Opening of New Consolidate Consulate General of India in Port Louis, Mauritius

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1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & Cw
3) Only A & B
4) Only C
5) Only A & C

Answer- **3) Only A & B**

Explanation:

On May 25, 2021, the Union Cabinet approved several key initiatives.

i.Signing of MoU by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (**ICoAI**) & Institute of Company Secretaries of India (**ICSI**) with various Foreign Countries/Organisations.

- Institute of Public Accountants (IPA), Australia
- Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA), UK

ii. Creation of a new post of **Director** in Senior Administrative Grade (SAG), at **NDRF Academy** in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

iii. Opening of a new Consulate General of India in **Addu City, Maldives** in 2021. It is India's 1st Consulate in Maldives and will help in building India's diplomatic presence in Maldives.

68. Which organisation will be designing the reactor for India's 1st Radioisotope Production (reactor) and processing facility complex?

1) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
2) Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics
3) Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research
4) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
5) Defence Research and Development Organisation

Answer- **4) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre**

Explanation:

The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) stated that **India's 1st Radioisotope Production (reactor) and processing facility complex** will be built on Public Private Partnership (PPP) Model. It will be the 1st of its kind PPP in the world.

The reactor will be **designed** by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (**BARC**) and **constructed** by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL), a subsidiary of DAE.

69. As per the 3rd Advance Estimates of production of major agricultural crops for 2020-21, India recorded a 2.66% growth in foodgrain production compared to 2019. Which organisation released the estimate?

1) Directorate General of Foreign Trade
2) Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare
3) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
4) Indian Council of Agricultural Research
5) NITI Aayog

Answer- **2) Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare**

Explanation:

The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC & FW) has released the 3rd Advance Estimates of production of major agricultural crops for 2020-21. According to the estimates, the **total foodgrain production in India** is estimated to rise by **2.66%** to a record **305.44 Million Tonnes** (MT) in 2020-21 (compared to 2019).

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70. Which Indian hockey stadium was renamed as "Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium" to mark the contribution of India's 3 time Olympics champion Balbir Singh Senior?

1) Raipur International Hockey Stadium
2) Vidarbha Hockey Association Stadium
3) Kalinga Stadium
4) Bangalore Hockey Stadium
5) Mohali International Hockey Stadium

Answer- **5) Mohali International Hockey Stadium**

Explanation:

The Government of Punjab has officially renamed the **Mohali International Hockey Stadium Sector** 63 phase 9, Mohali, Punjab, after the 3 time Olympics champion, Padma Shri Balbir Singh Senior. The stadium will be officially known as **Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium**.

71. India opened up imports of 3 pulses - Tur, Moong & Urad, by amending them from restricted to open category. Which Ministry is responsible for the amending the rules?

1) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
2) Ministry of External Affairs
3) Ministry of Finance
4) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
5) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer- **4) Ministry of Commerce and Industry**

Explanation:

The government of India has opened up the import of pulses like tur (arhar), moong and urad pulses as the **Ministry of Commerce** has amended the import coverage of these 3 pulses by transferring them from restricted to open category.

72. Which state recently (in May'21) amended its 'Freedom of Religion Bill' to provide upto 5-years of Imprisonment for forcible religious conversion by Marriage?

1) Assam
2) Karnataka
3) Maharashtra
4) Gujarat
5) Rajasthan

Answer- **4) Gujarat**

Explanation:

Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat gave his assent to the **'Gujarat Freedom of Religion (Amendment) Bill, 2021'**, which provides imprisonment for fraudulent/forcible conversion by marriage.

i.The amended bill proposes that, a forcible conversion by marriage, shall invite imprisonment of **3-5 years** and fine of up to **INR 2 Lakh**.

ii. Previously, **Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh** have passed similar laws banning 'fraudulent' conversions through marriage.

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73. Which state/UT government launched the "Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance" to increase oxygen production capacity of the state?

1) Karnataka
2) Maharashtra
3) Punjab
4) West Bengal
5) New Delhi

Answer- **2) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

The **Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance scheme** was launched recently by the **Maharashtra** Government to address the state's oxygen shortage.

i.It seeks to increase the state's current oxygen generation capacity of 1,300 MT per day to **3,000 MT oxygen per day**

74. A 1st of its kind Environment Surveillance Platform in Asia called "Precision Health Platform" was launched in _____ for conducting surveillance in _____ system.

1) Bangalore; Primary Health Care
2) Mumbai; Primary Health Care
3) Hyderabad; Primary Health Care
4) Bangalore; Sewage
5) Hyderabad; Sewage

Answer- **4) Bangalore; Sewage**

Explanation:

Karnataka Government has launched India's 1st City-wide Environmental Surveillance Platform named **'Precision Health Platform'** in **Bengaluru**. It is a city-wide **sewage surveillance system** which will help officials track COVID-19 at an early stage and make preparations to face it. The platform is also the 1st of its kind in Asia.

i.Partners – United States Agency for International Development (**USAID**) and the **COVID Action Collaborative**

75. Which organisation(s) partnered alongside UNICEF & YuWaah to launch the "YoungWarrior" campaign to train 5 million youths to combat COVID-19 pandemic?

1) Central Board of Secondary Education
2) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
3) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
4) Only 1 & 3
5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- **5) All 1, 2 & 3**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the United Nations Children's Fund (**UNICEF**) and its partner organisation **YuWaah**,Central Board of Secondary Education(**CBSE**) with the support of over 950 coalition partners, has launched a pan-India campaign called **#YoungWarrior** to collectively engage five million young people to combat the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Name the country that recently (in May'21) announced to become a member of the "Net Zero Producers Forum"?
1) Iran
2) Israel
3) Saudi Arabia
4) Turkey
5) Lebanon
Answer- **3) Saudi Arabia**
Explanation:
The five countries which are responsible for 40% of oil and gas production – Qatar, the United States, Canada and Norway have launched a cooperative forum on climate called "Net Zero Producers Forum".

- Saudi Arabia (the world's biggest crude exporter), announced to join the Net Zero Producers Forum.

2. Which country (in May'21) listed India under "Priority Watch List" in its Special 301 report?
1) Japan
2) Australia
3) United States
4) European Union
5) China
Answer- **3) United States**
Explanation:
According to the Special 301 report, **India** has been put on the "**Priority Watch List**" along with 8 other countries by the **United States**(US). Another 23 countries were also put on "Watch List".
i.Basically, the list comprises countries that do not provide sufficient Intellectual Property (IP) rights to American companies.

3. Which country provided financial assistance for the construction of 200 KW Hydro Power Plant at Nepal's Chandannath Municipality?
1) China
2) India
3) USA
4) Russia
5) Japan
Answer- **2) India**
Explanation:
On 5th May 2021, a 200 KW small hydro power plant at Chandannath Municipality in Nepal's Jumla district that was newly rehabilitated with India's financial assistance of Nepali Rs 26.39 million (INR 1.64 Crore) was virtually inaugurated.
About Nepal:
President: Bidya Devi Bhandari
Capital: Kathmandu
Currency: Nepalese Rupee(NPR)

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4. Where is the $550 million worth Crimson Solar Project built?
1) California, USA
2) Munich, Germany
3) Helsinki, Finland
4) Zurich, Switzerland
5) Toronto, Canada
Answer- **1) California, USA**
Explanation:
The United States(U.S) approved a $550 million Crimson Solar Project in California desert. It is capable of powering nearly 90,000 homes.

5. Despite COVID-19 India became the top exporter of Automobiles to _____ in 2020 as per the 'Automotive Export Manual 2021-South Africa' report released by _____.
1) Malaysia, Automotive Component Manufacturers Association
2) Saudi Arabia, Automotive Industry Export Council
3) Saudi Arabia, Automotive Component Manufacturers Association
4) Malaysia, Automotive Industry Export Council
5) South Africa, Automotive Industry Export Council
Answer- **5) South Africa, Automotive Industry Export Council**
Explanation:
According to the 'Automotive Export Manual 2021-South Africa' report released by Automotive Industry Export Council (AIEC), **India was the top country of origin** in Volume terms for passenger cars & Light Commercial Vehicles (LCVs) imports into South Africa in 2020, despite COVID-19 lockdowns.
i.Automotive Industry Export Council (**AIEC**) was established in 1999 as the promotion body for the automotive industry in **South Africa**.

6. _____ opened one of the World's longest Pedestrian suspension bridges named '516 Arouca' across _____ river.
1) Nepal, Madi
2) Portugal, Paiva
3) Spain, Paiva
4) Portugal, Madi
5) Spain, Madi
Answer- **2) Portugal, Paiva**
Explanation:
Portugal opened the Pedestrian suspension bridge named '516 Arouca' in Northern **Portugal**. The 516-meter long bridge is built in the Arouca Geopark, which is suspended 175 metres above the **Paiva River**.
Note – Baglung Parbat Footbridge in Nepal with 567-metre is the **world's longest pedestrian suspension bridge**.

7. In May 2021, China released its 7th Census, where its population stood at _____ in 2020 and expected to reach the maximum by _____.
1) 1.41 Billion, 2030
2) 1.56 Billion, 2025
3) 1.56 Billion, 2030
4) 1.56 Billion, 2028

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5) 1.41 Billion, 2025
Answer- **5) 1.41 Billion, 2025**
Explanation:
According to the 7th census conducted by China's National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), China's annual population growth stood at '0.53%' in the last decade (2010-20), the lowest since 1953.
i.China's population stood at **1.41 Billion in 2020**
ii. Cause of the slowing growth rate - China's '**one-child policy**'.
iii. China's population is expected to reach its **peak in 2025.**
iv.India may overtake China as the most populous country by **2023 or 2024**

8. What was the rate of increase in Global food prices as per the FAO Food Price Index (FFPI) for April 2021?
1) 101.8 points
2) 120.9 points
3) 100.0 points
4) 135.1 points
5) 106.5 points
Answer- **2) 120.9 points**
Explanation:
FAO Food Price Index (FFPI) averaged **120.9 points in April 2021**, which is 2 points (1.7%) higher than the FFPI in March 2021 and 28.4 points (30.8%) higher than April 2020. This marks the 11th consecutive monthly rise in the FFPI value to its highest since May 2014.
i.The increase was due to the price rise in sugar, followed by oils, meat, dairy and cereals.

9. Which country created a new body "Global Task Force on Pandemic Response" to provide COVID-19 aids across the globe?
1) Japan
2) United States
3) European Union
4) China
5) Australia
Answer- 2) United States
Explanation:
Global Task Force on Pandemic Response, a newly formed public-private partnership organised by the **U.S. Chamber of Commerce**, supported by Business Roundtable, was set-up with a motive to deliver resources to assist COVID-19 efforts in areas of the highest need around the world.

10. Which is the World's 1st Country to ban Synthetic Cannabinoids?
1) China
2) India
3) Australia
4) Canada
5) Brazil
Answer- **1) China**

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Explanation:
China issued a **total ban on synthetic cannabinoids**, thus becoming the world's first country to ban all synthetic cannabinoid substances. Synthetic Cannabinoids are human made chemicals.

11. _____ has announced USD 50 Billion to end COVID-19 Pandemic, by vaccinating at least _____ of the World's population by the end of 2021.
1) World Bank, 60%
2) World Bank, 30%
3) International Monetary Fund, 40%
4) World Bank, 50%
5) International Monetary Fund, 60%
Answer- **3) International Monetary Fund, 40%**
Explanation:
The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** announced an **USD 50 Billion** proposal to end the COVID-19 Pandemic. It has set a target of **vaccinating at least 40% of the world's population** by the end of **2021** & remaining 60% by the first half of 2022.
i.This would inject USD 9 trillion into the global economy by 2025 due to fast resumption of economic activity.
About IMF:
Managing Director – Kristalina Georgieva
Headquarters – Washington, D.C., United States
Establishment– 1944

12. In May 2021, 4 UN bodies formed a team of experts under 'One Health High-Level Expert Panel'.
Identify the points that are correctly related to the initiative:
A) 4 UN bodies - WHO, UNEP, UN-World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) & International Labour Organization (ILO)
B) The panel will develop frameworks to prevent & prepare for Zoonotic outbreaks like Covid-19
C) 'One Health High-Level Expert Panel' initiative was proposed by India & South Africa in 2020
1) All A, B & C
2) Only A & C
3) Only B
4) Only A & B
5) Only B & C
Answer- **3) Only B**
Explanation:
4 United Nation (UN) bodies viz, the World Health Organization(**WHO**), the United Nations Environment Programme (**UNEP**), the World Organization for Animal Health (**OIE**), and the Food and Agriculture Organization (**FAO**) formed a team of experts under **'One Health High-Level Expert Panel'** to help develop a global plan of action to prevent the spread of diseases from animals to humans.
i.The panel will develop frameworks and establish good practices to prevent and prepare for **Zoonotic outbreaks** of diseases like Zika, Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS), Ebola, COVID-19, etc.
ii. The 'One Health High-Level Expert Panel' initiative was proposed by **Germany and France in 2020** at the backdrop of the outbreak of COVID-19.

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13. Which organisation conducts the war games "Steadfast Defender 21" in May 2021?
1) Association of Southeast Asian Nations
2) Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
3) North Atlantic Treaty Organization
4) Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
5) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
Answer- **3) North Atlantic Treaty Organization**
Explanation:
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is conducting War Games '**Steadfast Defender 21**' from May-June 2021. Majority of the exercise will take place in Germany, Portugal and Romania.
i.The Forces will be deployed across land and sea from North America to the Black Sea region and off the coast of Portugal.
ii.NATO was formed on 4 April, **1949** between 30 European and North American countries.

GOVT SCHEMES

1. Which state govt. launched the scheme 'Parvat Dhara Yojana' to rejuvenate natural water resources at an outlay of Rs. 20 crores?
1) Odisha
2) Assam
3) Himachal Pradesh
4) Arunachal Pradesh
5) Sikkim
Answer- **3) Himachal Pradesh**
Explanation:
The State Government of Himachal Pradesh initiated 'Parvat Dhara Yojana' to revive, recharge aquifers (underground layer which contains water) and conserve natural resources of water in the state. An outlay of INR 20 Crore has been set aside for implementation of the scheme.

2. Which State/UT launched the Auro Scholarship Programme of Sri Aurobindo Society to all its students, in May 2021?
1) Goa
2) Tripura
3) Arunachal Pradesh
4) Puducherry
5) Telangana
Answer- **2) Tripura**
Explanation:
Ratan Lal Nath, Education Minister of Tripura launched the first of its kind Auro Scholarship Programme of Sri Aurobindo Society for all the students of Tripura. The programme was launched at the virtual event organised by the Sri Aurobindo Society.

- Under this scheme, parents of the students who achieve benchmark performance will receive up to Rs 1000 per month in their bank accounts.

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3. Which state govt. announced the 'Mukhyamantri COVID Upchar Yojana' scheme to provide free COVID-19 treatment for Economically Weaker families?

1) Rajasthan
2) Assam
3) West Bengal
4) Madhya Pradesh
5) Jharkhand

Answer- **4) Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

The State Government of **Madhya Pradesh** has launched a new scheme **'Mukhyamantri COVID Upchar Yojana'** (Chief Minister's COVID Treatment Programme). It aims to provide free treatment for COVID-19 to all Economically Weaker Families of the state.

About Madhya Pradesh:

Chief Minister – Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Governor – Anandiben Patel
Capital – Bhopal

4. In May 2021, the 1st residential project constructed under the SWAMIH Fund was completed.
Identify the points that are correct with respect to the SWAMIH fund:
A) Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing (SWAMIH) fund provides loans to stalled housing projects due to lack of funding
B) SWAMIH is a INR 25, 000 Crore fund having 14 investors, with the Government of India holding 50% in the fund
C) Criteria - Carpet area of the house shall not exceed 1000 square feet

1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only C
4) Only A & C
5) Only A & B

Answer- **5) Only A & B**

Explanation:

Union Minister for Finance Nirmala Sitharaman has stated that the Real Estate Fund – **'Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing (SWAMIH) Investment Fund I'** will benefit 1.16 lakh **home loan borrowers**, whose **housing projects were stalled due to funding issues.**

i.On May 13, 2021, SWAMIH Fund Completed its **1st Residential Project** – 'Rivali Park Wintergreens' is located in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.

ii.SWAMIH is a **INR 25, 000 Crore fund** having 14 investors, with the Government of India holding **50%** in the fund.

iii.Criteria - Houses which don't exceed **200 square metre** of carpet area.

Note - 100% FDI in Real Estate Sector in India.

5. In May 2021, the 8th installment of funds for Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme was released.
Identify the points that are correctly related to PM-KISAN Scheme:
A) For the 1st time, farmers in West Bengal joined the PM-KISAN Scheme

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B) PM-KISAN Scheme is a 100% centrally funded scheme launched in 2019 at Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh
C) Rs. 9000/year will be credited to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries in tranches of 3-equal four monthly installments of Rs. 3000 each
1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only C
4) Only A & B
5) Only B
Answer- **4) Only A & B**
Explanation:
Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 8th installment of funds to beneficiaries under the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme**.
i.For the 1st time, farmers in **West Bengal** joined the PM-KISAN Scheme.
ii.PM-KISAN Scheme is a 100% centrally funded scheme launched in **2019** by PM Narendra Modi at Gorakhpur, **Uttar Pradesh**.
iii. An amount of **INR 6000 per year** is provided to eligible beneficiary farmer families in **3-equal four monthly installments of INR 2000** each.

6. Where was the free medical consultation scheme "Vaidya Aapke Dwar" launched by the Department of AYUSH in May 2021?
1) Telangana
2) Bihar
3) Madhya Pradesh
4) Odisha
5) Punjab
Answer- **3) Madhya Pradesh**
Explanation:
The Department of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy(AYUSH) launched the **"Vaidya Aapke Dwar" scheme in Madhya Pradesh(MP).**
Through this scheme free medical consultation is given at home through live video call by AYUSH medical specialists.

7. In which state was the "AYUSH Ghar Dwar" COVID-19 wellness programme launched by the dept of AYUSH in May 2021?
1) Rajasthan
2) Himachal Pradesh
3) Chhattisgarh
4) West Bengal
5) Gujarat
Answer- **2) Himachal Pradesh**
Explanation:
The Department of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy(AYUSH) launched the **"AYUSH Ghar Dwar"** a statewide wellness programme for COVID-19 patients in Himachal Pradesh.

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8. What is the utility of the 'Chhattisgarh Mahtari Dular Yojna'?
1) Health Insurance for Journalists
2) Free ration for Economically backward people
3) Solatium for families of COVID-19 deceased Government employees
4) Solatium for families of COVID-19 deceased Healthcare workers
5) Educational Stipend for childrens of COVID-19 deceased parents
Answer- **5) Educational Stipend for childrens of COVID-19 deceased parents**
Explanation:
The **Chhattisgarh** government Launched a new scheme named **'Chhattisgarh Mahtari Dular Yojna'** through which the government will pay for the education for those children who lost their parents due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

9. Which state govt. launched "Chief Minister Vatsalya Yojana" to take care of the children who were orphaned due to COVID-19?
1) Rajasthan
2) Uttarakhand
3) West Bengal
4) Manipur
5) Assam
Answer- **2) Uttarakhand**
Explanation:
Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat announced a scheme named **Chief Minister Vatsalya Yojana** for orphaned children who have lost their parents due to Covid-19.
i.The state's orphaned children will be provided with a maintenance allowance of Rs 3000 per month.
About Uttarakhand:
Capital – Dehradun
Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

10. Which state government approved implementation of 3 Welfare projects - "Lakshmi Bhandar Project", "Student credit card initiative", and "Duare Ration"?
1) West Bengal
2) Karnataka
3) Kerala
4) Tamil Nadu
5) Assam
Answer- **1) West Bengal**
Explanation:
The **West Bengal** (WB) Cabinet headed by Mamata Banerjee approved 3 Welfare projects for implementation are Lakshmi Bhandar Project, a student credit card initiative, and 'Duare Ration'.
i.Lakshmi Bhandar Project – Basic Income scheme for Female heads of households.
ii. Student Credit Card initiative – Low-interest Student loans up to INR 10 Lakh for higher education
iii.Duare Ration – Free doorstep delivery of monthly ration

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11. Which state government launched "Ankur" scheme to honour citizens with "Pranvayu" award for planting trees?
1) Karnataka
2) Maharashtra
3) Punjab
4) West Bengal
5) Madhya Pradesh
Answer- **5) Madhya Pradesh**
Explanation:
Madhya Pradesh government announced the launch of **"Ankur"**, a scheme under which citizens will be awarded for planting trees during monsoon.
The Award named **"Pranvayu"** will be given to People who take the initiative to plant saplings.

12. _____ provides scholarships of _____ per annum through the 'Special Assistance Scheme for Covid Mortalities (SASCM)' scheme for School students who lost their families sole breadwinners in COVID-19.
1) Maharashtra, Rs. 50000
2) Goa, Rs. 20000
3) New Delhi, Rs. 50000
4) Jammu & Kashmir, Rs. 20000
5) Punjab, Rs. 50000
Answer- **4) Jammu & Kashmir, Rs. 20000**
Explanation:
Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir(J&K) launched **'Special Assistance Scheme for Covid Mortalities (SASCM)'**, a special scheme to provide financial assistance to the families that lost breadwinners to the COVID-19 pandemic.
i.Under SASCM, **Rs 1000** per month will be provided to the spouse or the eldest member of the family.
ii. The scheme also provides a scholarship of **Rs 20000** per annum for **school students** and **Rs 40000** per annum for **college students.**

13. The Ministry of Women and Child Development partnered with the Ministry of External Affairs to extend the 'Sakhi-One Stop Centres (OSC)' scheme to Foreign countries.
What are the points that are correctly related to the Sakhi-OSC scheme?
A) Indian Overseas Women in 9 Foreign countries will be protected from violence in public & private space
B) Sakhi-OSC scheme was launched by the Ministry of Women & Child Development in 2019
C) It is a 100% centrally sponsored scheme under Nirbhaya Fund
1) Only B & C
2) All A, B & C
3) Only C
4) Only A & B
5) Only A & C
Answer- **5) Only A & C**
Explanation:
'Sakhi-One Stop Centres (OSC)' is a scheme of the Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) to support women affected by violence in public and private space.

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i.The WCD Ministry in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has decided to set up 10 OSCs to support Indian Overseas Women in **9 countries –** Australia, Canada, Singapore, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, UAE, and Saudi Arabia (2 OSCs).
ii. The Sakhi-OSC scheme was set up in **2015** by the Ministry of WCD.
iii. It is a **100%** centrally sponsored scheme under **Nirbhaya Fund**.

14. To safeguard nutrition level in children, the Union Government approved Direct Benefit Transfer under Mid-Day-Meal (MDM) Scheme.
Identify the points that are correctly related to MDM scheme:
A) MDM is a Centrally sponsored scheme launched in 1995
B) Costs are shared between the GoI and states (excluding North-Eastern region) in a 60:40 sharing pattern
C) Rs. 1000 will be paid as onetime benefit to Class 1-8 students, who study in Government and Government aided schools across India.
1) Only B
2) Only A & C
3) Only C
4) Only B & C
5) Only A & B
Answer- **5) Only A & B**
Explanation:
The Union Government approved the proposal to provide monetary assistance to 11.8 Crore students through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of the cooking cost component of the **Mid-Day-Meal Scheme (MDM)**. INR 1200 Crore has been allocated to State Governments/UT for this purpose.
i.Rs 100 will be paid as a One-time welfare measure to **Class 1-8** students, who study in Government and Government aided schools across India.
ii.MDM is a Centrally sponsored school meal programme launched in **1995**.
iii. Costs are shared between the GoI and states in a **60:40** sharing pattern. For Union Territories (UTs), the **100%** cost is borne by GoI. The sharing ratio is **90:10** for the North-Eastern (NER) states and the Himalayan states.

BANKING AND FINANCE

1. Which of the following Central Banks recently (in Apr'21) became a member of Central Banks and Supervisors' Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS)?
1) European Central Bank
2) Reserve Bank of India
3) State Bank of Pakistan
4) People's Bank of China
5) Central Bank of Bangladesh
Answer- **2) Reserve Bank of India**
Explanation:
RBI joined as a member of Central Banks and Supervisors' Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS).

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It is a group of central banks that shares best practices & experiences for the development of environment and climate risk management in the financial sector.

About NGFS:

Establishment – December 2017

Headquarters – Paris, France

Members – 90 members & 13 observers

2. Which bank recently (in Apr'21) partnered with Decentro Tech, an API banking platform to offer customized business banking APIs to its customers?

1) ICICI Bank
2) Citibank
3) Axis Bank
4) Federal Bank
5) HDFC Bank

Answer- **1) ICICI Bank**

Explanation:

ICICI Bank and Decentro Tech Private Ltd, a full-stack Application Programming Interfaces (API) banking platform, made a partnership to offer customized business banking APIs to fintechs, startups, and corporates and e-commerce companies.

3. In April 2021, RBI increased the account balance limit of Payment banks from ₹ 1 lakh to ₹ 2 lakh. Which was the 1st payment bank to implement the policy?

1) Paytm Payments Bank
2) Fino Payments Bank
3) India Post Payments Bank
4) Airtel Payments Bank
5) Jio Payments Bank

Answer- **4) Airtel Payments Bank**

Explanation:

As per RBI guidelines, Airtel Payments Bank has increased the day-end account balance limit for customers from ₹ 1 lakh to ₹ 2 lakh and become the first payments bank in the country to do so.

4. Two schemes: SHWAS & AROG were launched to provide loans to MSMEs during COVID-19 pandemic.

What are the points that are correctly related to the Schemes?

A) IDBI Bank launched the SHWAS & AROG schemes

B) Loans upto Rs. 2 crores can be availed within 48 hours through the schemes

C) Only MSMEs which are involved in manufacturing of essential medical products for COVID-19 can avail the benefits

1) Only A & C
2) All A, B & C
3) Only B & C
4) Only B
5) Only A & B

Answer- **3) Only B & C**

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Explanation:
In order to manage the national emergency and distress caused by COVID-19, the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched SHWAS & AROG, two new quick credit delivery schemes to help Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
i.SHWAS will fund MSMEs who are engaged in manufacturing of oxygen cylinders, oxy-generators etc.
ii.AROG fund for MSMEs engaged in manufacturing of Pulse Oximeters, Permitted COVID-19 drugs, Ventilators, and PPEs
iii. Both the schemes will provide the MSME units with 100% funding up to an amount of ₹2 crores at an attractive interest rate of 4.5-6 %, within 48 hours

5. With which financial service provider, the cryptocurrency exchange 'Gemini' partnered to provide the 1st of its kind Cryptocurrency Rewards Credit Card?
1) PayPal
2) Maestro
3) Visa
4) Mastercard
5) American Express
Answer- **4) Mastercard**
Explanation:
Mastercard in partnership with Cryptocurrency exchange, Gemini & WebBank, a leader in digital lending and the bank issuing the credit card to launch a 1st of its kind, Cryptocurrency rewards credit card.
About Mastercard:
Executive Chairman: Ajay Banga
CEO: Michael Miebach
Headquarters: New York, USA

6. Which company partnered (in May'21) with Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance to improve Canara HSBC's IT infrastructure?
1) CtrlS
2) Amazon Web Services
3) DigitalOcean
4) Tata Communications
5) Sify
Answer- **1) CtrlS**
Explanation:
CtrlS Datacenters, Asia's largest hyperscale rated-4 data center provider and managed services company made a partnership with Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance as Strategic Technology Partner to improve the Canara HSBC's adaptability over the technology infrastructure.

7. In May2021, _____ mandated all key employees of Asset Management Companies to contribute _____ of their salary in Mutual Funds Schemes.
1) RBI, 10%
2) SEBI, 20%
3) RBI, 15%
4) SEBI, 10%
5) RBI, 20%

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Answer- **2) SEBI, 20%**

Explanation:

In order to bring transparency in the acts of Asset Management Companies (AMC) Key employees, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has mandated Key employees of AMCs to pay 20% of their salary (including perks, bonus, non-cash compensation net of income tax and statutory contributions like Employees Provident Fund) in units of mutual fund schemes in which they have a role/oversight.

8. Which bank launched the "Immune India Deposit Scheme" that provides an additional interest rate of 25 basis points to vaccinated people?

1) Canara Bank
2) Union Bank of India
3) Central Bank of India
4) Punjab National Bank
5) Bank Of India

Answer- **3) Central Bank of India**

Explanation:

Central Bank of India launched the "Immune India Deposit Scheme" a special deposit scheme to provide an additional interest rate of 25 basis points in addition to the applicable card rate for the vaccinated people.

9. Which cooperative bank was fined with Rs 40 lakh by RBI (in May'21) for non-compliance with regulatory guidelines of NABARD?

1) Bharat Cooperative Bank
2) A.P. Mahesh Cooperative Urban Bank
3) Nagpur Nagarik Sahakari Bank
4) Ahmedabad Mercantile Cooperative Bank
5) Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank

Answer- **5) Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank**

Explanation:

The RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 40 lakh on Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank, Shimla, for non-compliance with certain regulatory directions issued by NABARD.

10. Which organisation (in May'21) imposed a Total fine of Rs 1.75 crore on several companies for fraudulent trading in the scrip of Vakrangee Ltd?

1) National Company Law Tribunal
2) Central Board of Direct Tax
3) Reserve Bank of India
4) Central Board of Indirect Tax
5) Securities Exchange Board of India

Answer- **5) Securities Exchange Board of India**

Explanation:

A total fine of Rs 1.75 crore was imposed by Markets regulator SEBI on several entities for indulging in fraudulent trading in the scrip of Vakrangee Ltd. The entities have violated Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices norms.

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11. With which bank the neobanking entity 'Fi' recently (in May'21) partnered to issue savings accounts with debit card facilities?

1) Axis Bank
2) ICICI Bank
3) HDFC Bank
4) Federal Bank
5) South Indian Bank

Answer- **4) Federal Bank**

Explanation:

Bengaluru-based Neobank Fi, has partnered with Federal Bank to issue an instant savings account, equipped with a debit card, in under 3 minutes for salaried millennials.

12. Which bank was fined with Rs. 3 crores by RBI (in May'21) for violating the 'Prudential Norms' for Classification, Valuation & Operation of its Investment Portfolio?

1) State Bank of India
2) Federal Bank
3) ICICI Bank
4) South Indian Bank
5) HDFC Bank

Answer- **3) ICICI Bank**

Explanation:

On May 03,2021, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a Rs 3 crore monetary penalty on ICICI Bank for contravention of certain directions issued by the RBI on 'Prudential Norms' for Classification, Valuation and Operation of Investment Portfolio by Banks in July 2015.

13. In May 2021, RBI announced a series of comprehensive strategies to tackle the 2nd wave of COVID-19.

Identify the points that are correct with respect to RBI's announcements:

A) RBI announced Rs. 50,000 crores under Priority Sector Lending (PSL) classification to Emergency Health Services Providers

B) Micro-Finance Institutions with Asset size over Rs. 500 crore shall receive loans from Small Finance Banks under PSL

C) Banks shall use upto 50% of the Floating provisions on Non-Performing Assets

1) Only B & C
2) Only A & C
3) All A, B & C
4) Only A
5) Only A & B

Answer- **5) Only A & B**

Explanation:

RBI announced a series of measures and Comprehensive strategies to support all stakeholders from the second wave of COVID-19 related economic difficulties.

i.RBI announced an on-tap liquidity window of Rs 50,000 crore with 3 years of maturity and at repo rate till March 31, 2022 under the priority sector lending classification to Emergency Health Services Providers.

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ii.RBI permitted the Small Finance Banks' (SFBs) lending to Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs) for on-lending to individuals under the classification of priority sector lending (PSL) for which the MFIs need to have Rs 500 crore asset size.
iii. Banks are allowed by RBI to utilise 100% floating provisions/counter-cyclical provisioning buffer for Non-Performing Assets.

14. What is RBI's revised maximum Overdraft duration on Quarterly basis for State Government's, as of May 2021?
1) 21 days
2) 14 days
3) 50 days
4) 36 days
5) 45 days
Answer- **3) 50 days**
Explanation:
To support State Governments to manage their fiscal situation, RBI has increased the maximum number of days of the OverDraft (OD) facility in a **quarter** from **36 to 50 days** and the number of **consecutive** days of OD from **14 to 21 days.**

15. Globally, LIC is the _____ most Valuable Insurance Brand & _____ Strongest brand as per the "Insurance 100 2021" report.
1) 10th, 3rd
2) 2nd, 5th
3) 8th, 2nd
4) 12th, 3rd
5) 10th, 5th
Answer- **1) 10th, 3rd**
Explanation:
Brand Finance, a London-based brand valuation consultancy firm in its annual report on the most valuable and strongest insurance brands – "Insurance 100 2021", reported the Life Insurance Corporation (**LIC**) as the **3rd** strongest and the **10th** most valuable insurance brand globally.

16. Which bank was selected as the digital payments partner of the National Agriculture Market (eNAM) in May 2021?
1) Bank of Baroda
2) HDFC Bank
3) State Bank of India
4) Axis Bank
5) Kotak Mahindra Bank
Answer- **5) Kotak Mahindra Bank**
Explanation:
Kotak Mahindra Bank was selected as a digital payments partner by the National Agriculture Market (eNAM) to facilitate online transactions for all stakeholders on the eNAM platform.
i.eNAM is an agri e-marketplace that facilitates buying & selling of agricultural commodities. It was established by networking Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs).

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17. IRDAI issued guidelines for Standard Domestic Travel Insurance Product (SDTIP) in India with health coverage upto _____ on hospitalization and upto _____ in case of death of the insured.

1) Rs 10 lakh, Rs 2 crore
2) Rs 1 lakh, Rs 1 crore
3) Rs 5 lakh, Rs 1 crore
4) Rs 5 Lakh, Rs 2 crore
5) Rs 10 lakh, Rs 1 crore

Answer- **5) Rs 10 lakh, Rs 1 crore**

Explanation:

IRDAI issued guidelines on Bharat Yatra Suraksha, the Standard Domestic Travel Insurance Product (SDTIP) of india. The standard product consists of 5-different plans under the standard travel insurance product.

i.Plan Covers travel through Cab/Bus, Train, Air & Ship with various health coverages.

ii. The coverage provides indemnity-based payment for hospitalization expenses ranging from Rs1 lakh to Rs10 lakh and an accidental death benefit ranging from Rs1 lakh to Rs1 crore.

18. Which Mutual Fund company recently (in May'21) launched an open ended Fund of Fund scheme for investing in Schroder International Selection Fund (SISF) Global Disruption?

1) Mirae Asset Mutual Fund
2) SBI Mutual Fund
3) Tata Mutual Fund
4) Franklin Templeton Investments
5) Axis Mutual Fund

Answer- **5) Axis Mutual Fund**

Explanation:

On May 6,2021, Axis Mutual Fund launched a mutual fund scheme called Axis Global Innovation Fund of Fund to provide opportunity for investors to invest in Schroder International Selection Fund (SISF) Global Disruption to provide capital growth for the company.

19. In May 2021, _____ provided financial assistance worth Rs. 9,162 crores to _____ for the development of agriculture and allied sectors.

1) Reserve Bank of India, Tamil Nadu
2) NABARD, Gujarat
3) Reserve Bank of India, West Bengal
4) Reserve Bank of India, Gujarat
5) NABARD, West Bengal

Answer- **5) NABARD, West Bengal**

Explanation:

In FY21, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) gave financial support of Rs 9,162 crore to West Bengal(WB) for the development of agriculture and allied sectors under Covid-19.

i.In FY21, NABARD under its Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) has sanctioned 2284 new rural infrastructure projects to WB worth Rs.1659.62 crores.

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20. Which company recently (in May'21) entered into the 100 most-valued Indian firms' club with a Market Capital of Rs. 55,500 crores?

1) SAIL
2) Power Grid
3) GAIL
4) BHEL
5) IOCL

Answer- **1) SAIL**

Explanation:

With Rs 55,500 crore market capitalisation (m-cap), Steel Authority of India Limited(SAIL) enters 100 most-valued Indian firms' club.

21. In May 2021, RBI framed the Regulations Review Authority (RRA 2.0) for reviewing its regulations and compliance procedures.

What are the points that are correctly related to RBI & its initiatives?

A) RBI appointed Sudarshan Sen as the head of Regulations Review Authority (RRA 2.0) advisory committee

B) Under Operation Twist, RBI conducts Simultaneous purchase & sale of government securities through open market operations

C) RBI was established on the recommendation of the Hilton Young Commission

1) Only B
2) Only B & C
3) Only C
4) All A, B & C
5) Only A & B

Answer- **2) Only B & C**

Explanation:

RBI's **Regulations Review Authority (RRA 2.0)** has constituted a 6-member Advisory Group headed by **S Janakiraman**, Managing Director of State Bank of India to support in reviewing the RBI's regulations and compliance procedures to streamline/ rationalise them to make them more effective.

i.RBI conducted the Simultaneous purchase and sale of government securities(**G-Sec**) (**Operation Twist**) each worth Rs 10,000 crore under open market operations (**OMOs**) in May 2021.

ii.RBI was established on the recommendation of the **Hilton Young Commission**

22. In May 2021, the Labour Ministry notified changes in the investment pattern of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

Which of the following points are correct with respect to the changes made?

A) EPFO can invest up to 5% of surplus in Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs)

B) Investments can be made only in AIFs with a corpus equal to or more than Rs 100 crore

C) Investment can be made in AIFs in India & Overseas

1) Only A & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only C
4) All A, B & C
5) Only A & B

Answer- **5) Only A & B**

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Explanation:
The Labour Ministry has notified the changes in the investment pattern of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation(**EPFO**), which allowed it to make an investment of up to **5%** of its investible surplus in **Alternative Investment Funds** (AIFs).
i.Investments can be made only in AIFs with a corpus equal to or more than **Rs 100 crore**.
ii. Directly or indirect **investments** in securities of the companies or funds which are incorporated and/or operated **outside India is not allowed**.

23. Which organisation renamed Institutional Trading Platform as "Innovators Growth Platform" to boost the listing of startup companies?
1) Reserve Bank of India
2) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India
3) Securities and Exchange Board of India
4) National Payments Corporation of India
5) National Company Law Tribunal
Answer- **3) Securities and Exchange Board of India**
Explanation:
SEBI amended the SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, called SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2021.
i.In order to boost the listing of start-ups renamed Institutional Trading Platform (ITP) (formed in 2015) as **Innovators Growth Platform**.

24. Which NBFC launched the public awareness campaign on financial frauds called "Savdhan Rahein, Safe Rahein"?
1) Bajaj Finserv
2) Moneyboxx Finance
3) Power Finance Corporation
4) Magma Fincorp
5) Muthoot Finance
Answer- **1) Bajaj Finserv**
Explanation:
Bajaj Finserv launched **'Savdhan Rahein, Safe Rahein'**, a public awareness campaign on financial fraud risks to educate customers and public at large on financial fraud risks and how to stay protected across digital and social media platforms.
About Bajaj Finserv:
Chairman and Managing Director(CMD): Sanjiv Bajaj
Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra
Chatbot: Blu

25. Which bank launched the Chatbot called 'Eva' on the Digital Seva Portal of Common Services Centers (CSCs) to provide banking services to rural India?
1) HDFC Bank
2) Canara Bank
3) State Bank of India
4) Axis Bank
5) ICICI Bank

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Answer- **1) HDFC Bank**

Explanation:

HDFC Bank and Common Services Centers (CSCs) announced the launch of a **chatbot** called **'Eva'** on CSC's Digital Seva Portal to support Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs). This will provide banking services to last-mile rural consumers.

About HDFC Bank:

Establishment – 1994
Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra
MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan
Tagline– We understand your world

26. Pick the NBFC that recently (in May'21) got authorization from RBI for issuing semi-closed Prepaid Payment Instruments(PPIs)?

1) Bajaj Finance
2) Moneyboxx Finance
3) Power Finance Corporation
4) Magma Fincorp
5) Muthoot Finance

Answer- **1) Bajaj Finance**

Explanation:

Bajaj Finance got authorization from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the issuance and operation of semi-closed Prepaid Payment Instruments(PPIs) with perpetual validity.

Semi-closed PPIs are issued by banks & non-banks for the purchase of goods and services, including financial services, remittance facilities, etc. These instruments **do not permit cash withdrawal.**

27. Which organisation formulated the 'Asia Pacific Tax Hub' to enhance International Cooperation for strengthening global tax administration?

1) Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
2) Asian Development Bank
3) Association of Southeast Asian Nations
4) New Development Bank
5) World Trade Organization

Answer- **2) Asian Development Bank**

Explanation:

Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) launched the **'Asia Pacific Tax Hub'** to enhance International Tax Cooperation for promoting strategic policy dialogue, improving knowledge sharing & strengthening coordination on tax policy and administration among ADB members.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman participated in ADB's 54th Annual Meeting 2021, where she highlighted the importance of setting up of **SAARC COVID-19 Emergency Fund**.

About Asian Development Bank (ADB):

President – Masatsugu Asakawa
Headquarters – Manila, Philippines
Establishment year – 1966

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28. Which financial service company (in May'21) partnered with NIRA to provide personal loan upto Rs. 1 lakh to its customers through NIRA mobile app?

1) Bajaj Finserv
2) India Infoline
3) HDB Financial Services
4) Muthoot Finance
5) Tata Capital

Answer- **4) Muthoot Finance**

Explanation:

Muthoot Finance Limited collaborated with NIRA, a Bangalore-based fintech start-up to provide personal **loans up to Rs 1 lakh** from Muthoot Finance through the **NIRA app.**

About Muthoot Finance Limited:

Managing Director – George Alexander Muthoot
Headquarters – Kochi, Kerala

29. Which bank (in May'21) entered into a strategic tie-up with UAE based Mashreq Bank to facilitate money transfers between UAE & India?

1) Axis Bank
2) ICICI Bank
3) RBL Bank
4) IndusInd Bank
5) Federal Bank

Answer- **5) Federal Bank**

Explanation:

Federal Bank entered into a strategic tie-up with UAE based **Mashreq Bank**, to facilitate money transfers from the UAE to India. The partnership will support Mashreq's payment product "QuickRemit".

About Federal Bank:

Headquarter- Aluva, Kerala.
MD & CEO- Shyam Srinivasan
Tagline- Your Perfect Banking Partner

30. In May, RBI announced guidelines for Scheduled Private Banks & amended the master directions on KYC.
Identify the points that are correct with respect to the RBI guidelines.
A) Scheduled Private Banks which are not under Prompt Corrective Action can undertake govt. businesses after the approval of RBI
B) All bank accounts opened using OTP based e-KYC, will not be allowed for more than 1 year without further identification
C) KYC updating can be done in banks using e-documents downloaded from DigiLocker

1) Only C
2) Only B & C
3) Only A & C
4) All A, B & C
5) Only A & B

Answer- **4) All A, B & C**

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Explanation:
RBI revised the existing guidelines on "Appointment of Scheduled Private Sector Banks as Agency Banks of RBI".
i.Scheduled Private Sector Banks (which do not have agency agreement with RBI) can undertake government business, on the approval of RBI, only if it is not under the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework of the RBI.
ii. Existing bank accounts opened using OTP based e-KYC, will not be allowed for more than **1 year** without further identification.
iii. Identification could be obtained using any one of the following for Video based-KYC:

- OTP based Aadhaar e-KYC authentication
- Offline Verification of Aadhaar
- KYC records downloaded from CKYCR
- Equivalent e-document of Officially Valid Documents (OVDs) like those from DigiLocker

Note - T Rabi Sankar was appointed as the Deputy Governor of RBI in May 2021.

31. Which bank (in May'21) partnered with Geojit Financial Services to provide a single account equivalent of Savings, Demat & Trading accounts?
1) South Indian Bank
2) Federal Bank
3) Canara Bank
4) Axis Bank
5) Punjab National Bank
Answer- **5) Punjab National Bank**
Explanation:
Geojit Financial Services has entered into an agreement with the Punjab National Bank (PNB) to provide the advantage of a three-in-one account to the customers of PNB. (ie; Savings Account, Demat Account & Trading Account).

32. _____ issued guidelines for Top 1,000 listed companies to provide Reports of Environmental effects due to the company on a mandatory basis from _____.
1) RBI, FY22
2) SEBI, FY23
3) Supreme Court of India, FY22
4) SEBI, FY22
5) Supreme Court of India, FY23
Answer- **2) SEBI, FY23**
Explanation:
SEBI issued new disclosure norms over the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR), for the **top 1,000 listed companies** (by market capitalisation), which will be mandatory from **FY23**.
i.Under the new norms, the companies have to report:
Environment-related disclosures, Social-related disclosures, Community level Social Impact Assessments (SIA).

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33. Which payment provider recently (in May'21) introduced a feature that enables International Money Transfers from US to India & Singapore?
1) Google Pay
2) Venmo
3) Apple Pay
4) PhonePe
5) Jio Pay
Answer- **1) Google Pay**
Explanation:
Google Pay launched International Money Transfers for its United States (US) users, it has launched the initiative in partnership with remittance firms – Wise, and Western Union.
i.Using this feature, Google Pay users in the **US** can transfer money to Google Pay users in **India & Singapore**.

34. Which bank's mobile app in partnership with Shivrai Technologies launched "Farmizo Khata" a farm accounting mobile app?
1) CANDI by Canara Bank
2) Mobile+ by IDBI Bank
3) YONO by SBI
4) M-Connect Plus by Bank of Baroda
5) iMobile by ICICI Bank
Answer- **3) YONO by SBI**
Explanation:
Shivrai Technologies partnered with leading digital banking platform, Yono SBI to launch a B2C Farm accounting mobile application, Farmizo Khata.

35. On which Co-operative Bank did RBI extend its restrictions (in May'21) under Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949?
1) Bhagyodaya Friends Urban Co-operative Bank
2) Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank
3) Independence Co-operative Bank
4) Mantha Urban Co-operative Bank
5) Millath Co-operative Bank
Answer- **5) Millath Co-operative Bank**
Explanation:
Under **Section 35A** read with **Section 56** of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the Reserve Bank of India(**RBI**), extended the restriction on Karnataka-based **Millath Co-operative Bank**, for 3 months i.e up to August 7, 2021. The restrictions include making any investment, loans, borrowing funds etc.

36. In May 2021, Indian Govt. approved the issuance of Sovereign Gold Bonds for FY22 in 6 trenches.
Identify the points that are correct in relation to Sovereign Gold Bonds:
A) The bonds will be sold by RBI only through Stock Exchanges in India
B) Maximum Purchase limit for an Individual is 4 Kgs for a financial year
C) Maturity duration of the bonds is 8 years
1) Only A

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2) Only B & C
3) All A, B & C
4) Only A & B
5) Only C
Answer- **2) Only B & C**
Explanation:
The Government of India, in consultation with the RBI, decided to issue Sovereign Gold Bonds FY22. The Sovereign Gold Bonds will be **issued in 6 tranches** from May 2021 to September 2021.
i.It will be sold by RBI through recognised Stock Exchanges, Scheduled Commercial banks (except Small Finance Banks & Payment Banks), Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL), designated post offices.
ii. Maximum purchase limit - **4 Kgs** for individual & Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) and **20 Kgs** for trusts and similar entities for a FY (April-March)
iii. Tenure - **8 years** with exit option after 5th year
iv. Interest rate is fixed at **2.50%** per annum

37. Which financial institution (in May'21) enabled Foreign Inward Remittance Advice (FIRA) digitally for Indian merchants?
1) PayPal
2) American Express
3) Google Pay
4) Paytm
5) PhonePe
Answer- **1) PayPal**
Explanation:
PayPal, the Digital payments provider, introduced an automated process to receive monthly **Foreign Inward Remittance Advice (FIRA**) digitally, allowing Indian merchants to download their monthly digital FIRA issued by banks.
About PayPal:
Establishment – December 1998
President & CEO– Dan Schulman
Headquarters– San Jose, California

38. Which company recently (in May'21) got approval from RBI to operate as a Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI) company?
1) CreditMantri
2) Eroute Technologies
3) Financial Software Systems
4) Instamojo
5) Shiksha Finance
Answer- **2) Eroute Technologies**
Explanation:
RBI granted permission to **Eroute Technologies** to operate as a Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI) company.
About Eroute Technologies:
Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh

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39. In May 2021, Changes were made to the Dividend Distribution Policy and Alternative Investment Funds (AIF) norms.
What are the points that are correctly related to the changes made?
A) A company to be named as Startup shall fulfils the criteria specified by the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
B) Dividend Distribution Policy is mandatory for all Top 1000 listed companies
C) The changes were made under the regulatory guidelines issued by SEBI
1) Only A
2) Only B & C
3) All A, B & C
4) Only A & B
5) Only C
Answer- **3) All A, B & C**
Explanation:
SEBI amended the Alternative Investment Funds (AIF) norms called SEBI (AIFs) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2021 in May 2021 to add – definition of Start-up for the investment by Angel Funds and regulations over the AIFs.
i.Amendments over the AIFs:
Definition of Start-up: It means a private limited company or a limited liability partnership which fulfils the criteria for a startup as specified by the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.
ii. To strengthen the corporate governance practices and disclosure requirements, SEBI has made it mandatory for the top 1,000 listed firms to formulate a dividend distribution policy(DDP).

40. Which company (as of May'21) raised Rs 455 crores by issuing bonds?
1) ICICI direct
2) Angel Broking
3) SBI Cards and Payment Services
4) HDFC Securities
5) Motilal Oswal Financial Services
Answer- **3) SBI Cards and Payment Services**
Explanation:
Rs 455 crore has been raised by SBI Cards and Payment Services (**SBI Card**) by issuing bonds. These bonds will offer coupons at 5.70 percent per annum which will mature on May 10, 2024

41. Name the Payment Bank that partnered with the digital gold provider "SafeGold" to launch "DigiGold", a platform to invest in 24K gold
1) Jio Payments Bank
2) Airtel Payment Bank
3) Paytm Payment Bank
4) Fino Payment Bank
5) Indian Post Payment Bank
Answer- **2) Airtel Payment Bank**
Explanation:
Airtel Payments Bank in partnership with **SafeGold**, a digital gold provider, launched a digital platform called **'DigiGold'** – for its customers to make an investment in gold.

i.Under this, Airtel Payments Bank's saving account customers are enabled to **invest in 24K gold using the Airtel Thanks app**.

42. In May 2021, RBI cancelled the license of which cooperative bank?
1) Bhagyodaya Friends Urban Co-operative Bank
2) Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank
3) Independence Co-operative Bank
4) Mantha Urban Co-operative Bank
5) United Co-operative Bank
Answer- **5) United Co-operative Bank**
Explanation:
RBI cancelled the license of United Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bagnan, West Bengal in May 2021, as the bank does not have adequate capital and earning prospects to pay its present depositors in full.

43. Identify the company that partnered (in May'21) with Japan's SoftBank group to promote its satellite communication service in Japanese market.
1) SpaceX
2) AsiaSat
3) OneWeb
4) Bharti Airtel
5) Jio
Answer- **3) OneWeb**
Explanation:
OneWeb (a venture backed by Sunil Mittal) has signed a Cooperative agreement with SoftBank Group Corp, a Japanese multinational holding company to promote its satellite communication services in the Global and Japan markets.

44. Which bank recently (in May'21) got approval from Indian Govt. to sell equity shares worth Rs. 4,100 crores for its capital infusion?
1) Allahabad Bank
2) Central Bank of India
3) Indian Overseas Bank
4) Bank of India
5) Andhra Bank
Answer- **3) Indian Overseas Bank**
Explanation:
Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) obtained approval from its shareholders through an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) for the issuance of over 246 crores equity shares to the Government of India (GoI) on a preferential basis for a capital infusion of Rs 4,100 crores by GoI in the bank.

45. Which bank was recently (in May'21) excluded by RBI from the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934?
1) Lakshmi Vilas Bank
2) Karur Vysya Bank
3) Karnataka Bank
4) Punjab National Bank

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5) Karnataka Bank

Answer- **1) Lakshmi Vilas Bank**

Explanation:

Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has excluded **Lakshmi Vilas Bank Ltd.(LVB)** from the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934.

i.On November 17, 2020, the Government(Govt) (on the advice of RBI), imposed a 30-day moratorium for LVB with restricted cash withdrawal at Rs 25,000 per depositor.

ii. In November 2020, Govt allowed the **merging** of **LVB** (bank under crisis) with **DBS Bank India** Ltd.

About RBI:

Governor – Shaktikanta Das

Deputy Governors – Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael DebabrataPatra, M Rajeshwar Rao, and T Rabi Sankar

46. _____ committed $3.92 billion in sovereign loans to India in 2020, including covid-19 financial assistance & $500 million for the 82 Kms high-speed _____ transit corridor.

1) Asian Development Bank, Delhi–Meerut

2) New Development Bank, Mumbai-Pune

3) New Development Bank, Delhi-Faridabad

4) New Development Bank, Delhi–Noida

5) Asian Development Bank, Pune-Nagpur

Answer- **1) Asian Development Bank, Delhi–Meerut**

Explanation:

Asian Development Bank (ADB) has committed **$3.92 billion** in sovereign loans for 13 projects to India in 2020, including $1.8 billion in projects to support the Government of India's coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic response.

i.This is the highest-ever annual lending made by ADB to India.

ii.ADB has also committed $500 million to build a modern, high-speed 82-kilometre Delhi–Meerut Regional Rapid Transit system corridor.

About ADB:

Establishment -1966

Headquarters – Manila, Philippines

President – Masatsugu Asakawa

47. In FY21, _____ allocated a record high amount of Rs. 1,236 crores under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for rural road connectivity projects in _____.

1) NHAI, Odisha

2) NHAI, Assam

3) NABARD, Chhattisgarh

4) NHAI, Chhattisgarh

5) NABARD, Assam

Answer- **5) NABARD, Assam**

Explanation:

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) provided a **record high** amount of **Rs 1,236 crore** from its Rural Infrastructure Development Fund **(RIDF)** of FY21, for the Rural Connectivity Projects (Roads & Bridges) in **Assam**.

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About NABARD:
Establishment – 1982
Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
Chairman – G R Chintala

48. Which organisation developed the National Digital Financial Infrastructure (NADI) with next-generation network infrastructure like 5G/Edge Cloud with SDN?
1) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC)
2) Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT)
3) Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)
4) Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS)
5) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
Answer- **2) Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT)**
Explanation:
The Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (**IDRBT**), an arm of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), is building a next-generation Digital Financial Infrastructure named **National Digital Financial Infrastructure (NADI)**.
i.Its modern network infrastructure of 5G/Edge Cloud with SDNs (software-defined networking) for connecting to the critical data centre infrastructure at the back-end.
About IDRBT:
It was established by the RBI in March **1996**
Headquarters – Hyderabad, Telangana

49. Which bank recently (in May'21) launched a micro-website to provide data of various Covid-19 related emergency needs to its employees?
1) State Bank of India
2) Canara Bank
3) Bank of Baroda
4) Indian Overseas Bank
5) Bank of India
Answer- **3) Bank of Baroda**
Explanation:
Bank of Baroda launched a Micro-website that will serve as an emergency networking platform for **all its employees** amid the second wave of COVID-19.
It provides Various data, like a network of plasma donors to employees and Recovered employees can also enroll themselves voluntarily as donors.

50. Which Small Finance Bank (SFB) announced a new feature called "I choose my number" to enable its customers to choose their favourite numbers for savings or current account?
1) ESAF SFB
2) Ujjivan SFB
3) Utkarsh SFB
4) Jana SFB
5) Equitas SFB
Answer- **4) Jana SFB**

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Explanation:
In order to make banking to be simple and personalised, **Jana Small Finance Bank**, came up with a feature called **'I choose my number'**, that allows its customers to choose their favourite numbers for their **savings or current account**.

51. In May 2021, a new regulatory framework for Vault Managers of Gold Exchanges in India was proposed.
What are the points that are correctly related to Gold Exchanges in India?
A) The Regulatory framework was proposed by Reserve Bank of India
B) India is the world's 2nd largest consumer of Gold
C) Gold Exchanges issue "Electronic Gold Receipt" (EGR) which can be converted into physical gold
1) Only B
2) All A, B & C
3) Only C
4) Only A & C
5) Only B & C
Answer- **5) Only B & C**
Explanation:
Securities and Exchange Board of India(**SEBI**) issued a Consultation Paper detailing the Proposed framework for the **Gold Exchange in India** and the draft SEBI (Vault Managers) Regulations, 2021 for regulating the gold exchange-related business of the Vault Managers.
i.The Gold Exchange instruments are termed as **"Electronic Gold Receipt" (EGR)**. EGRs will be held in **Demat form** and can be converted into physical gold when needed.
ii. Globally, **India** is the **2nd** largest consumer of gold after China.

52. With which Insurance company PayPoint India partnered (in May'21) to provide COVID-19 Health Insurance policy to rural India?
1) Royal Sundaram General Insurance
2) ManipalCigna Health Insurance
3) Liberty General Insurance
4) Digit General Insurance
5) Max Bupa Health Insurance
Answer- **4) Digit General Insurance**
Explanation:
PayPoint India made a partnership with **Digit General Insurance** to provide affordable **COVID-19** Health Insurance policy to its customers in rural India. Under this partnership, Health Insurance coverage upto **Rs. 2 lakhs** is made.

53. Which Insurance Company launched the 1st of its kind portal Integrated Partner Onboarding Solution (IPOS) to its customers?
1) National General Insurance
2) Edelweiss General Insurance
3) Royal Sundaram General Insurance
4) Oriental General Insurance
5) Digit General Insurance

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Answer- **2) Edelweiss General Insurance**

Explanation:

Edelweiss General Insurance(EGI), an InsurTech start-up has launched **Integrated Partner Onboarding Solution (IPOS),** an industry-first digital end to end partner onboarding solution.

i.IPOS is a fully automated portal dedicated to all partner-related onboarding requirements.

54. In May 2021, the regulatory framework for Promoters & Promoter Groups was reviewed and certain proposals were made.

What are the points that are correctly related to the proposals made?

A) The proposals on Promoters were made by SEBI

B) Definition of "Promoters" is proposed to be changed as "Person of Marketing"

C) Lock-in period or minimum promoters' contribution (20%) is proposed as 1-year

1) All A, B & C

2) Only B & C

3) Only A & B

4) Only A & C

5) Only C

Answer- **4) Only A & C**

Explanation:

SEBI reviewed the regulatory framework of the promoter, promoter group and group companies as per SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements(ICDR)) Regulations, 2018 with certain proposals.

i.As the definition of the promoter is wide-ranging and goes beyond persons in control of the issuer, SEBI proposed the shifting of the concept of a "**Promoter**" to a "**Person in Control**".

ii.Lock-in period of 3 years for minimum promoters' contribution (**20%**) has been proposed to be reduced to **1 year**.

iii. Promoters' holding **above minimum promoters**' contribution, the **lock-in** period is changed from 1 year to **6 months**.

55. In May 2021, RBI issued regulatory guidelines for Prepaid payment instruments (PPIs) issuers.

What are the points that are correctly related to the regulations issued?

A) All PPI issuers are mandated to allow interoperability of UPI & Mobile wallets by May 31, 2021

B) Maximum outstanding loan amount for full-KYC PPIs is relaxed to Rs. 2 lakhs

C) Full-KYC PPIs maximum payment limit is increased to Rs. 2000/transaction

1) All A, B & C

2) Only B & C

3) Only A

4) Only A & C

5) Only A & B

Answer- **2) Only B & C**

Explanation:

RBI mandated all licensed Prepaid payment instruments (PPIs) issuers to give the Card holders of full-KYC PPIs or UPI & mobile wallets such as Paytm, PhonePe and Mobikwik to be **interoperable by March 31, 2022**.

i.The maximum amount **outstanding** in full-KYC PPIs (KYC-compliant PPIs) has been increased from **Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2 lakhs** by RBI.

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ii.RBI permitted Cash withdrawal from full-KYC PPIs issued by non-bank PPI issuers with a **Maximum limit of Rs 2,000 per transaction with an overall limit of Rs 10,000 per month per PPI.**

56. Which bank introduced 2 new first-of-its-kind Digital Banking Solution called 'SmartServe' and 'IntelliSign' to replace physical documentation procedure?
1) Deutsche Bank
2) HSBC Bank India
3) Standard Chartered
4) Citibank
5) ICICI Bank
Answer- **2) HSBC Bank India**
Explanation:
HSBC India has launched a first-of-its-kind Digital Banking Solution called **'HSBC SmartServe'** and **'HSBC IntelliSign'** to provide a quick, secure and seamless on-boarding process for its corporate customers.
Both the **API** enabled solutions are intending to **replace the documentation process** with a digital platform.

57. What is India's position in the Insurance-Technology market in the Asia-Pacific region as per the report released by S&P Global Market Intelligence?
1) 5th
2) 3rd
3) 4th
4) 1st
5) 2nd
Answer- **5) 2nd**
Explanation:
S&P Global Market Intelligence reported **India** as the **2nd largest** insurance-technology (**insurtech**) market in **Asia-Pacific(AP) region** after China, as it accounts for 35 percent/$1.28 billion of the total venture capital ($3.66 billion) poured into the insurtech sector in the AP region so far.
i.Insurance premiums in India for the FY20, summed up to **$107 billion**

58. Which bank (in May'21) moved to a fully digitised loan processing system for MSME & Agriculture products loans?
1) Indian Bank
2) Union Bank of India
3) IDBI Bank
4) Punjab National Bank
5) IDFC FIRST Bank
Answer- **3) IDBI Bank**
Explanation:
IDBI Bank announced the launch of its fully digitised, end-to-end, Loan Processing System (LPS) for its Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises(**MSME**) and **Agri** products.
About IDBI:
Chairman: MR Kumar
MD & CEO: Rakesh Sharma

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Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
Tagline: Bank Aisa Dost Jaisa

59. A technical group(TG) on Social Stock Exchanges (SSEs), constituted by SEBI, recommended not to allow the political & religious organizations to trade in Stock Exchanges. Who headed the TG on SSE?
1) Harsh Bhanwala
2) M. Damodaran
3) Ajay Tyagi
4) U. K. Sinha
5) Rajiv Kumar
Answer- **1) Harsh Bhanwala**
Explanation:
A technical group(TG) on **Social Stock Exchanges (SSEs), constituted by SEBI**, recommended **not to allow** the political and religious organizations, trade organizations, corporate foundations, infrastructure and housing companies to raise funds using the SSE mechanism.
i.SEBI had constituted a TG on SSE in September 2020 under the **Chairmanship of Harsh Bhanwala**, former chairman of NABARD.

60. Which stock exchange signed an MoU (in May'21) with Dun & Bradstreet Information Services India to promote the Small & Medium Enterprises environment?
1) London Stock Exchange
2) India International Exchange
3) National Stock Exchange
4) Bombay Stock Exchange
5) New York Stock Exchange
Answer- **4) Bombay Stock Exchange**
Explanation:
Bombay Stock Exchange(BSE) has signed an MoU with **Dun & Bradstreet Information Services India** to create an ecosystem for promoting, aiding and fostering the growth of Small and Medium Enterprises(SME).
i.BSE is the market leader in the SME segment with a market share of **61%**.
About BSE:
Establishment– 1875
Headquarter– Mumbai, Maharashtra

61. Which bank partnered with HyperVerge (in May'21) to obtain 'Video KYC solution' for improving its KYC infrastructure?
1) Axis Bank
2) Canara Bank
3) State Bank of India
4) HDFC Bank
5) Bank of Baroda
Answer- **3) State Bank of India**

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Explanation:
State Bank of India(SBI) made a partnership with **HyperVerge** to obtain its technology called **'Video KYC solution'** for onboarding customers online under COVID-19.
This will enable SBI to achieve 10x improvement over the regular video KYC checks performed per day per agent.
About HyperVerge:
Headquarters (India)– Bangalore, Karnataka
About SBI:
Establishment – 1st July 1955
Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara

62. On which bank RBI imposed a fine of Rs. 1 lakh (in May'21) for violation of RBI's Supervisory Action Framework?
1) Mantha Urban Cooperative Bank
2) Rajasthan Marudhara Gramin Bank
3) Paschim Banga Gramin Bank
4) Priyadarshini Mahila Nagari Sahakari Bank
5) Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank
Answer- **4) Priyadarshini Mahila Nagari Sahakari Bank**
Explanation:
Maharashtra's Priyadarshini Mahila Nagari Sahakari Bank was imposed Rs 1 lakh penalty by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for violation of certain directions under the Supervisory Action Framework.

63. Which is the 1st bank to issue Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPL) to alternate investment funds incorporated in GIFT International Financial Services Centre?
1) State Bank of India
2) Indian Overseas Bank
3) HDFC Bank
4) Kotak Mahindra Bank
5) Axis Bank
Answer- **4) Kotak Mahindra Bank**
Explanation:
Kotak Mahindra Bank became the **1st bank to issue Foreign Portfolio Investments (FPI) license** to an Alternate Investment Fund (AIF) incorporated in **Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT)** International Financial Services Centre (IFSC), after its issuance of FPI license on May 20, 2021, to the GIFT IFSC AIF of True Beacon Global.

64. Which company partnered (in May'21) with Digital Swiss Gold (DSG) to enable its customers for digital transaction of gold in Switzerland?
1) Alankit Imaginations
2) Muthoot Finance
3) White Gold India
4) India Infoline
5) Edelweiss Broking
Answer- **1) Alankit Imaginations**

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Explanation:
Alankit Imaginations Ltd, a subsidiary of Alankit made partnership with **Digital Swiss Gold (DSG)** to enable individuals to transact in gold digitally in Switzerland.
An individual can buy gold starting from 1 gram and to a **maximum limit of $2,50,000 per financial year** under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme of the Reserve Bank of India(RBI).

65. Which insurer announced the new savings plan "Vision LifeIncome Plus Plan" that provides guaranteed regular income to policyholders?
1) Life Insurance Corporation
2) Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance
3) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
4) Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance
5) Aegon Life Insurance
Answer- **4) Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance**
Explanation:
Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance (ABSLI), the life insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL), launched a flexible savings plan named **'Vision LifeIncome Plus Plan'** to provide guaranteed regular income along with flexible bonus payouts to policyholders. It is a Non-Linked Insurance Plans (No link with Stock Market).
About Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance:
Establishment – 2000
Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
MD & CEO – Kamlesh Rao

66. Which organisation (in May'21) imposed a fine of Rs. 5.25 crore on Cairn India for making a misleading announcement regarding the buyback of shares?
1) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
2) SEBI
3) IRDAI
4) RBI
5) National Company Law Tribunal
Answer- **2) SEBI**
Explanation:
SEBI imposed a penalty of **Rs 5.25 crore** on **Cairn India** for making a misleading announcement regarding the buyback of shares on January 14, 2014.

67. In May 2021. RBI approved the transfer of its surplus money of Rs. 99,122 crores to the Central government. The amount is RBI's surplus during which period?
1) March 2020-May 2021
2) April 2020-May 2021
3) April 2020-March 2021
4) July 2020-March 2021
5) June 2021-May 2021
Answer- **4) July 2020-March 2021**

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Explanation:
RBI approved the **transfer of Rs 99,122 crore as surplus** to the Central government for the accounting period of **9 months from July 2020 to March 2021** (instead of traditional - April to March period).
i.The current surplus fund transfer is 50% higher than Rs 57,128 crore, the transfer approved in the accounting year 2019-2020.
ii. The board also decided to maintain the **Contingency Risk Buffer** at **5.50%**.

68. To increase India's presence in the global market, SEBI made changes to the SEBI (VCFs) Regulations, 1996.
Identify the points that are correctly related to the updates:
A) Overall limit for investments in Overseas market has been increased to $750 million
B) AIFs/VCFs should report the utilization of the overseas limits within 5 working days
C) AIFs/VCFs will be approved by SEBI for overseas investment for a validity period of 6-months
1) Only A & C
2) Only A
3) Only B & C
4) All A, B & C
5) Only A & B
Answer- **3) Only B & C**
Explanation:
SEBI doubled the overall **limit of the investment in overseas markets** by alternative investment funds(AIFs), and Venture Capital Funds(VCFs) registered under SEBI (VCFs) Regulations, 1996, from $750 million to **$1,500 million** (~Rs10,000 crore).
i.AIFs/VCFs should report the utilization of the overseas limits within **5 working days**
ii. In case of underutilized overseas limit within the **validity period (6-months)**, an AIFs/VCFs should report it to SEBI within 2 working days.
About SEBI:
Chairman – Ajay Tyagi
Establishment – 1992
Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

69. Which is the 1st small finance bank (SFB) to offer online account opening facility for Non-Resident Indians(NRIs)?
1) Equitas SFB
2) ESAF SFB
3) Janalakshmi SFB
4) Suryoday SFB
5) Ujjivan SFB
Answer- **1) Equitas SFB**
Explanation:
Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFBL) became the 1st Small Finance Bank(SFB) to offer the **online account opening** for Non-Resident Indians(**NRIs**). It also became the first SFB to have Virtual Relationship Managers(VRM) based on time zones.
About Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd(ESFBL):
MD and CEO– Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan

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Headquarters– Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Tagline – It's Fun Banking

70. Which bank was fined Rs. 1 crore by RBI (in May'21) for non-compliance with MSME sector lending norms?
1) Union Bank of India
2) City Union Bank
3) Tamilnad Mercantile Bank
4) Only 1 & 2
5) Only 2 & 3
Answer- **5) Only 2 & 3**
Explanation:
RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1 crore on City Union Bank and Tamilnad Mercantile Bank for non-compliance with certain provisions of RBI such as – Lending to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) Sector Directions

71. Which payment bank (in May'21) agreed to provide cash management & collection services to Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Limited (MRHFL)?
1) Paytm Payment Bank
2) Indian Post Payment Bank
3) Fino Payment Bank
4) Airtel Payment Bank
5) Jio Payment Bank
Answer- **2) Indian Post Payment Bank**
Explanation:
Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Limited (**MRHFL**) and India Post Payments Bank(**IPPB**) made a partnership for a cash management solution. Now, IPPB will be offering cash management & collection services to MRHFL
About IPPB:
Establishment – 2018
Director and Chairman – P. K. Bisoi
Tagline– Aapka Bank, Aapke Dwaar

72. On which Pharmaceutical company did SEBI impose a fine of Rs. 9 lakhs (in May'21) for violating its Code of Conduct?
1) Bharat Biotech
2) Dr. Reddy's Laboratories
3) Cipla
4) Biocon
5) Sun Pharma
Answer- **4) Biocon**
Explanation:
SEBI imposed a total fine of Rs.9 lakh on Biopharmaceutical company **Biocon** and Rs 5 lakh on its former Senior Vice President (R&D) Narendra Chirmule for violation of Code of conduct (CoC).

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73. In May 2021, RBI issued guidelines for the amalgamation of District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs) with State Co-operative Bank (StCB).
What are the points that are correct with respect to the amalgamation procedure?
A) Section 44A of the Banking Regulation act, 1949 provides effective procedure for voluntary amalgamation of banking entities
B) More than one DCCBs can amalgamate with a StCB
C) The amalgamation procedure will be examined & recommended by NABARD
1) Only B & C
2) Only A & B
3) All A, B & C
4) Only B
5) Only A & C
Answer- **3) All A, B & C**
Explanation:
RBI notified the guidelines for the **Amalgamation of one or more** District Central Co-operative Banks (**DCCBs**) in a State with State Co-operative Bank (**StCB**) or amalgamation of one DCCB with another to form a two-tier Short-term Co-operative Credit Structure (**STCCS**).
i.Section 44A of the Banking Regulation act, 1949 provides effective procedure for **voluntary amalgamation** of two banking entities.
ii. The amalgamation has to be examined and recommended by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**).

74. Name the foreign payment solution company that became a Certified Partner of 'RuPay SoftPOS' by NPCI, in May 2021?
1) Adyen
2) PayCore
3) Creditcall
4) BitPay
5) PayPoint
Answer- **2) PayCore**
Explanation:
The National Payments Corporation of India (**NPCI**), has included **PayCore**, **Turkey's** global payment solutions company as one of the certified partners for **'RuPay SoftPOS'** to drive cashless payments across the country.
i.NPCI partnered with **SBI Payment**s and launched 'RuPay SoftPoS' to transform NFC enabled **smartphones into POS** terminals for the merchants and retailers.

75. Which financial company partnered (in May'21) with Vivriti Capital to provide capital financing worth Rs. 300 crores to MSMEs?
1) FlexiLoans
2) Digipay
3) Pine Labs
4) MoneyTap
5) Lendingkart
Answer- **1) FlexiLoans**

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Explanation:
Fintech lender **FlexiLoans** partnered with financial services company **Vivriti Capital** to provide working capital financing to micro, small and medium enterprises (**MSMEs**) by disbursing loans worth **Rs 300 crore.**

76. Which digital payment entity partnered with Centrum Microcredit to offer unsecured Small Medium Business (SMB) loans to retailers?
1) Ayani
2) Paynearby
3) Stripe
4) Monzo
5) Coinbase
Answer- **2) Paynearby**
Explanation:
PayNearby, branchless banking and digital payments network, tie-up with **Centrum Microcredit,** wholly-owned subsidiary of The Centrum Group to offer **unsecured Small Medium Business (SMB) loans** to its retailers.

77. Which bank (in May'21) implemented TransUnion's Onboarding solution for digitising onboarding of its credit card customers?
1) YES Bank
2) State Bank of India
3) ICICI Bank
4) Citibank
5) Axis Bank
Answer- **1) YES Bank**
Explanation:
YES Bank digitises onboarding of credit card customers by implementing TransUnion's Onboarding Solution. This solution will enable YES BANK to onboard its credit card customers seamlessly, efficiently, and quickly.
About YES Bank:
MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar
Tagline– Experience our Expertise
Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

78. In May 2021, PNB & PNB Housing Finance Ltd made a New Brand Agreement by providing the right to withdraw the PNB brand name from PNB Housing. At present what percent of PNB Housing share is held by PNB?
1) 20%
2) 51%
3) 49%
4) 33%
5) 25%
Answer- **4) 33%**

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Explanation:
In May 2021, Punjab National Bank (PNB) and PNB Housing Finance Limited (PNB Housing) made a fresh brand agreement, to provide PNB with the right to withdraw its brand name from PNB Housing. Currently, PNB holds **33%** in PNB Housing.
About PNB Housing Finance Limited:
Establishment – November 11, 1988
Headquarters – New Delhi

79. "Pockets" became the 1st in India in the Digital Wallet sector to link e-Wallet with UPI network. The Digital Wallet "Pockets" belongs to which bank?
1) HDFC Bank
2) City Union Bank
3) Axis Bank
4) State Bank of India
5) ICICI Bank
Answer- **5) ICICI Bank**
Explanation:
In collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), ICICI Bank has launched a facility for linking a Unified Payments Interface (UPI) ID with its digital wallet, **'Pockets'** and became the 1st one in the industry to **link e-wallet with UPI** Network.

80. What was the target set by HDFC Bank (in May'21) for raising capital by issuing bonds?
1) Rs. 1500 crore
2) Rs. 7000 crore
3) Rs. 15000 crore
4) Rs. 9300 crore
5) Rs. 5600 crore
Answer- **2) Rs. 7000 crore**
Explanation:
HDFC Bank has announced that it will raise up to **Rs 7,000 crore** by issuing bonds on private placement basis, in the form of Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs).
About HDFC Bank:
MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan
Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra
Tagline– We understand your world

81. Which organisation announced (in May'21) to include risks related to Climate Change, inequality & demography in economic assessments?
1) United Nations Development Programme
2) World Bank
3) Reserve Bank of India
4) International Monetary Fund
5) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Answer- **4) International Monetary Fund**

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Explanation:
In May 2021, the International Monetary Fund(**IMF**), plans to update the way it conducts economic assessments to report the risks related to **climate change, inequality and demographics**, as well as evolving digital technologies.
About IMF:
Establishment – 1944
Headquarters – Washington, D.C., United States
Managing Director – Kristalina Georgieva

82. In May 2021, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released its Annual Report for 2020-21
Identify the points that are correct with respect to the data presented in RBI's Annual report:
A) RBI's gains from foreign exchange transactions rose by 69%
B) In 2020-21, Bank Frauds valued more than Rs 1 lakh has been decreased by 25% compared to 2019-20
C) With over Rs 1.41 lakh crore, GST collection in January 2021 marked the highest level on record
1) Only B & C
2) Only A
3) Only C
4) Only A & B
5) Only A & C
Answer- **4) Only A & B**
Explanation:
In May 2021, the Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) released its **Annual Report for 2020-21**
i.RBI's gains from foreign exchange transactions rose by **69%**
ii. In 2020-21, Bank Fraud in terms of value (Rs 1 lakh and more) decreased by **25%**
iii. The global economy is projected to grow at **6%** in 2021 in the IMF's World Economic Outlook
iv.RBI poses the risk of a bubble, due to a sharp rise in the domestic equity markets despite an estimated **8% contraction** in GDP in 2020-21.
v.With over **Rs 1.41 lakh crore**, **GST collection in April 2021** marked the highest level on record.

83. Name the company that launched a 1st of its kind Crypto-based lending platform in India under its cryptocurrency exchange.
1) Unocoin
2) Coinbase
3) Gemini
4) Bitfinex
5) ZebPay
Answer- **5) ZebPay**
Explanation:
In May 2021, **ZebPay** launched **India's 1st lending platform** under the **cryptocurrency exchange** for the investors to invest their coins and earn returns (interest). Currently the exchange will support the bitcoin (BTC), ether (ETH), tether (USDT) and dai (DAI) tokens.

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84. In May 2021, One of India's large PSU Banks, Canara Bank launched 3 new loan schemes as a part of COVID-19 assistance.
Identify the loan scheme that is incorrectly specified in relation to its benefits:
A) Canara Chikitsa healthcare credit facility - Loans up to Rs 50 crore for MSMEs affected by COVID-19
B) Canara Jeevanrekha healthcare business loan - Loan up to Rs 2 crore for Medical equipment manufacturers
C) Canara Suraksha personal loan scheme - Loans from Rs 25,000 – Rs 5 lakh as immediate financial assistance for COVID-19 treatment
1) Only A
2) Only B & C
3) Only C
4) Only A & B
5) Only B
Answer- **1) Only A**
Explanation:
Canara Bank launched 3 categories of loan schemes, as a part of COVID-19 assistance to offer healthcare credit, business and personal loan to individuals.
i.Canara Chikitsa healthcare credit facility - Loans from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 50 crore to registered hospitals, nursing homes, to improve healthcare infrastructure
ii.Canara Jeevanrekha healthcare business loan - Loan up to Rs 2 crore for manufacture and supply of healthcare products viz, medical oxygen and oxygen cylinders
iii.Canara Suraksha personal loan scheme - Loans from Rs 25,000 – Rs 5 lakh as immediate financial assistance for COVID-19 treatment.

85. Which bank recently (in May'21) allocated 203 crore Preferential Shares to the Government of India?
1) UCO Bank
2) Union Bank of India
3) Punjab National Bank
4) YES Bank
5) Axis Bank
Answer- **1) UCO Bank**
Explanation:
UCO Bank allotted 203 crore preferential shares (PS) (equity shares of Rs 10 each) to the Government of India at an issue price of Rs 12.76 per share against a capital contribution of Rs 2,600 crore received by the Bank on March 31, 2021.
i.PS provides the shareholders with the special right to claim dividends anytime during the company lifetime.
About UCO Bank:
Establishment – 1943
Headquarters – Kolkata, West Bengal
MD & CEO – Atul Kumar Goel

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86. On Which Bank, RBI imposed a penalty of Rs. 10 crores (in May'21) for irregularities in the bank auto loan portfolio?

1) ICICI Bank
2) Axis Bank
3) Kotak Mahindra Bank
4) HDFC Bank
5) Citibank

Answer- **4) HDFC Bank**

Explanation:

RBI imposed a monetary **penalty of Rs 10 crore on HDFC Bank** Limited, after finding irregularities with the HDFC bank's auto loan portfolio. RBI found contravention of provisions of section 6(2) and section 8 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

ECONOMY AND BUSINESS

1. In which online International Finance Corporation (IFC) is planning to invest USD 40 million as of April 2021?

1) BYJU's
2) upGrad
3) Coursera
4) Udemy
5) Unacademy

Answer- **2) upGrad**

Explanation:

International Finance Corporation (IFC) a member of the World Bank Group, plans to invest USD 40 million (about Rs 290 crore) in upGrad, an online up-skilling platform and IFC has proposed to loan up to $150 million to Bajaj Finance Ltd.

2. What was India's GDP growth for 2021 as per the recent (Apr'21) projection of Oxford Economics?

1) 11.8%
2) 12.5%
3) 10.2%
4) 8.67%
5) 9.09%

Answer- **3) 10.2%**

Explanation:

Oxford Economics, Global forecasting firm has revised down India GDP growth forecast for 2021 from 11.8% to 10.2% due to increasing burden of COVID-19 and lack of appropriate strategy by the government to curtain the pandemic. It has forecasted world GDP growth to 6.1% in 2021 and 4.3% in 2022.

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3. Which organisation launched the 1st of its kind initiative 'Restore Fund' worth $200 million to remove carbon from the Atmosphere?

1) Apple
2) Microsoft
3) Google
4) SpaceX
5) Facebook

Answer- **1) Apple**

Explanation:

Apple in partnership with Conservation International and Goldman Sachs launched a first-of-its-kind carbon removal initiative called the Restore Fund of $200 million, to make investments in timber-producing forest properties to remove carbon from the atmosphere and in turn generating a financial return for investors.

4. What is India's GDP forecast for FY22 as per the projection of Goldman Sachs as of May 2021?

1) 11.1%
2) 12.3%
3) 9.09%
4) 10.1%
5) 12.7%

Answer- **1) 11.1%**

Explanation:

Goldman Sachs, brokerage reduced India's GDP forecast for FY22 to 11.1% from 11.7% due to the local restrictions and increasing COVID-19 cases.

RBI has projected FY22 GDP growth at 10.5%, while IMF puts it at 12.5%.

5. Under Significant Economic Presence (SEP) principle, _____ announced a digital transaction revenue threshold of _____ and a limit of 3 lakh users for Non-Resident Technology firms to pay tax to Indian Government.

1) Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Rs. 2 crores
2) Central Board of Indirect Tax, Rs. 10 crores
3) Central Board of Direct Tax, Rs. 2 crores
4) Central Board of Indirect Tax, Rs. 20 crores
5) Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Rs. 20 crores

Answer- **3) Central Board of Direct Tax, Rs. 2 crores**

Explanation:

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) notified Digital Tax Threshold **revenue of Rs. 2 crores & a limit of 3 lakh users** for Non-Resident Technology firms like Google, Facebook, Netflix to pay tax in India.

i.Non-Resident technology companies are covered under the double taxation avoidance agreement for tax exemption in India.

ii. Any company whose revenue or user limit exceeds the threshold shall pay tax to Indian Govt. under Significant Economic Presence (SEP) principle.

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6. Which of the following government owned financial institutions was approved (in May'21) for strategic disinvestment by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs?

1) India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL)
2) Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI)
3) National Housing Bank (NHB)
4) Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI)
5) Industrial Investment Bank of India (IIBI)

Answer- **2) Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI)**

Explanation:

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi gave approval for strategic disinvestment and transfer of management control in Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI Bank).

i.More than 94% of the equity shares of IDBI Bank was owned by the Government of India (GoI) and Life Insurance Corporation(LIC) of which GoI holds 45.48 % and LIC holds 49.24 %.

ii. In March 2021, RBI removed the LIC-controlled IDBI bank from its prompt corrective action (PCA) framework

7. What is India's GDP projections for FY22 as per Fitch Ratings, as of May 2021?

1) 8.9%
2) 12.8%
3) 9.5%
4) 11.4%
5) 10.8%

Answer- **3) 9.5%**

Explanation:

Fitch Ratings reduced India's GDP growth forecast for FY22 to 9.5% due to COVID-19, it earlier estimated a 12.8% growth for FY22 in March 2021.

On May 05, 2021, S&P Global Ratings revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY22 to 9.8%.

8. Which Indian company was named as the 2nd fastest-growing retailer in the world in the "2021 Ranking of Global retail powerhouses" report?

1) Big Bazaar
2) Future Retail
3) Reliance Retail
4) Flipkart
5) ITC Limited

Answer- **3) Reliance Retail**

Explanation:

In the "2021 Ranking of Global retail powerhouses" by Deloitte, millionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Retail Ltd has been ranked the 2nd fastest-growing retailer in the world, which is 1 rank down from its 2020 rank (In 2020 it was ranked 1st).

9. India's GDP was projected to grow by 7.5% in 2021 as per the World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) report released in May 2021.
Identify the points that are correct with respect to the report:
A) WESP report was released by World Economic Forum

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B) India's GDP is projected to grow at 10.1% in 2022
C) Global economy is projected to grow by 2.4% in 2021
1) Only B & C
2) Only C
3) Only A & C
4) Only B
5) Only A & B
Answer- 4**) Only B**
Explanation:
In its mid-year report of the World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP), United Nations (UN) has increased India's GDP growth forecast for the calendar year 2021 to 7.5 %, a 0.2 percent increase from its earlier projection (January 2021 projection – 7.3%) following a contraction of 6.8 % (-6.8) in 2020.
i.The report forecasted **India's** GDP to grow at **10.1% in 2022**.
ii. The **global** economy is projected to expand by **5.4% in 2021** following a sharp contraction of 3.6% in 2020.

10. In May 2021, Nomura revised India's GDP estimate for FY22 to _____, while it was projected to grow by 11% by _____.
1) 12.6%, CRISIL
2) 10.8%, TransUnion
3) 10.8%, CRISIL
4) 12.6%, TransUnion
5) 11.5%, TransUnion
Answer- **3) 10.8%, CRISIL**
Explanation:
Nomura revised India's GDP growth forecast for the FY22 fiscal to 10.8% from 12.6%.
CRISIL estimated India's growth estimation for FY22 to be 11%.

11. In May 2021, _____ revised its GDP projections for FY22 to 7.9% while Care Ratings revised its GDP forecast to _____.
1) Fitch Ratings, 6.2%
2) Moody's, 6.2%
3) Fitch Ratings, 9.2%
4) Moody's, 9.2%
5) Fitch Ratings, 10.2%
Answer- **4) Moody's, 9.2%**
Explanation:
Moody's Investors Service revised India's growth forecast for FY22 to 7.9% from 6.2%.
Care Ratings revised its GDP growth forecast for FY22 to 9.2 % from 10.2%.

12. Which company will be establishing India's 3rd Power Exchange?
1) JSW Energy Limited.
2) CESC Limited
3) PTC India Limited
4) REC Limited
5) Pranurja Solutions Limited

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Answer- **5) Pranurja Solutions Limited**

Explanation:

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has approved the registration to start **India's 3rd Power Exchange**. The Power Exchange will be established by **Pranurja Solutions Ltd, a company promoted by BSE Investments**, PTC Ltd & ICICI Bank.

i.The other two power exchanges in India are **Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) & Power Exchange of India Ltd (PXIL).**

13. India's Epsilon Advanced Material Ltd. signed an MoU (in May'21) with UK's Beowulf Mining plc to set up a Joint Venture Lithium-ion Battery manufacturing company. In which country will the Joint Venture company be set-up?

1) England
2) Germany
3) Norway
4) Finland
5) Belgium

Answer- **4) Finland**

Explanation:

Epsilon Advanced Material (EAMPL), a subsidiary of Epsilon Carbon, signed an MoU with Beowulf Mining plc to set up a **Joint Venture company in Finland.** This joint venture is aimed at becoming the top Lithium-ion Battery provider of Europe.

About EAMPL:

Managing Director(MD): Vikram Handa

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

14. What was the approximate amount of Exports made by India in the month of April 2021?

1) $52.61 billion
2) $48.07 billion
3) $30.63 billion
4) $17.28 billion
5) $10.36billion

Answer- **3) $30.63 billion**

Explanation:

In May 2021, the Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry reported a **3-fold increase in India's export** for the month of April 2021, to **$30.63 billion** from $10.36 billion of April 2020, due to healthy growth in sectors like gems and jewellery, and engineering.

15. India's monthly Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation was _____ in April 2021 as per the data released by _____.

1) 10.49 %, Ministry of Finance
2) 7.39 %, Ministry of Finance
3) 10.49 %, NITI Aayog
4) 7.39 %, Ministry of Commerce & Industry
5) 10.49 %, Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Answer- **5) 10.49 %, Ministry of Commerce & Industry**

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Explanation:
As per the data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India's annual rate of inflation (YoY), based on monthly WPI (Wholesale Price Index) accelerated to 10.49 percent in April 2021, (the highest since April 2010) from 7.39 percent in March 2021 due to a hike in prices of food items, manufactured goods, fuel, and power.

16. Indian Commercial Airlines "GoAir" was renamed as _____
1) GoIndia
2) Fly Airways
3) Go First
4) Fly India
5) Fly First
Answer- **3) Go First**
Explanation:
Wadia Group owned, Indian Airline, 'GoAir' was rebranded itself as 'Go First' after completing its 15 years of service as GoAir.

17. As per the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India witnessed a 10% growth in FDI inflow in FY21 compared to FY20.
What are the points that are correctly related to the FDI inflow in India?
A) Computer Software & Hardware sector is responsible for majority of the FDI Inflow
B) Singapore is the top investing country in India
C) Maharashtra is still the top recipient state of FDI for the 4th consecutive year
1) Only B & C
2) Only A & B
3) All A, B & C
4) Only B
5) Only A & C
Answer- **2) Only A & B**
Explanation:
As per the data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India has attracted the highest ever total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow of US$81.72 billion during FY21, which is 10% more than FY20(US$74.39 billion).
i.With **44% share** of the total FDI Equity inflow, **Computer Software & Hardware** is the key investment sector in India.
ii.Singapore is the top investing country with 29 percent of total investment, followed by the United States of America (USA) with 23 percent and Mauritius with 9 percent.
iii.Gujarat is the top recipient state for the 4th consecutive year with a 37 percent or US$ 30.23 billion share of the total FDI equity inflows followed by Maharashtra 27 percent and Karnataka 13 percent.

18. India GDP is set to grow in the range of _____ in Q1 of FY22, as per the findings of 'Ecowrap' report released by _____ in May 2021.
1) 7-9%, RBI
2) 12-17%, RBI
3) 10-15%, RBI
4) 7-9%, SBI

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5) 10-15%, SBI
Answer- **5) 10-15%, SBI**
Explanation:
State Bank of India's (**SBI**) research report **'Ecowrap'** stated India's Real gross domestic product (GDP) growth for **Q1 FY22** to be in the range of **10-15 percent** as against RBI's forecast of 26.2 percent.
i.Domestic ratings agency **ICRA Limited** forecasted India's GDP growth in the **Q4FY21 at 2 percent**, with a 7.3(-7.3) percent contraction for FY21.

MoUs AND AGREEMENTS

1. _____ & The Link Fund signed an MoU titled 'Sustainable Livelihoods for Tribal Households in India' for improving _____.
1) Eklavya Model Residential Schools; Educating tribal Children
2) APEDA; Minor Forest Produce
3) Spices Board of India; Minor Forest Produce
4) TRIFED; Women Entrepreneurship
5) UN Women; Minor Forest Produce
Answer- **4) TRIFED; Women Entrepreneurship**
Explanation:
TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India, signed an MoU titled 'Sustainable Livelihoods for Tribal Households in India' with The Link Fund, a Philanthropic operational foundation for empowerment of tribals.

- They will work to create women-centered infrastructure and innovation and entrepreneurship and towards value addition in Minor Forest Produce.

2. Which company (in May'21) signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) for supplying 540 MW of renewable energy?
1) ReNew Power
2) Torrent Power
3) Vikram Solar
4) JSW Energy
5) Tata Power
Answer- **4) JSW Energy**
Explanation:
JSW Energy, the renewable energy wing of JSW Energy has signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) for supplying 540 MegaWatt (MW).

- India set a target of installing Renewable Energy generation plants of 450 GW by 2030.

About Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI):
SECI is a PSU under Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
Chairman & MD – Jatindra Nath Swain

3. Which organisation was selected (in May'21) as the Joint Venture partner of Andhra Pradesh to set up a steel plant in Kadapa district?
1) Jindal Steel
2) Essar Steel

3) Tata Steel
4) JSW Steel
5) SAIL
Answer- **2) Essar Steel**
Explanation:
Andhra Pradesh selected **Essar Steel** as Joint Venture(JV) partner to set up a steel plant in Kadapa district.
i.The steel plant will be set up with a capacity of 3 million tonne per annum for producing high grade Steel products.
ii. The Capital Expenditure of the Project will be **Rs. 11,606 crore**.

4. Which organisation signed an MoU (in May'21) with Telecom Equipment Manufacturers Association of India (TEMA) to jointly promote AtmaNirbhar Bharat?
1) Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce
2) UK India Business Council
3) Indo-American Chamber of Commerce
4) Indo-French Chamber of Commerce & Industry
5) Indo-Italian Chamber of Commerce
Answer- **1) Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce**
Explanation:
The Telecom Equipment Manufacturers Association of India (TEMA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) to jointly promote AtmaNirbhar Bharat.
i.It will also facilitate investment & manufacturing in Telecom, Information & Communication Technology (ICT), railways, healthcare, agriculture, smart cities.

5. Which organisation signed an MoU (in May'21) with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to promote the use of Renewable Energy technologies in Dairy Industry?
1) ReNew Power
2) ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute
3) Solar Energy Corporation of India
4) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd
5) Energy Efficiency Services Ltd
Answer- **5) Energy Efficiency Services Ltd**
Explanation:
The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) signed an MoU with Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) virtually to promote efficient renewable technologies in the dairy industry.
About EESL:
Establishment – 2009
Headquarters – New Delhi
Chairman – Rajeev Sharma

6. In May 2021, 5 Oil & Gas PSUs of India - IOCL, BPCL, HPCL, ONGC & GAIL signed an MoU for the construction & redevelopment of which religious site?
1) Dashashwamedh Ghat, Varanasi
2) Mahabodhi Temple, Bodh Gaya

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3) Badrinath Dham, Badrinath
4) Sun Temple, Konark
5) Prem Mandir, Vrindavan
Answer- **3) Badrinath Dham, Badrinath**
Explanation:
5 Oil and Gas Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) – Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC), and GAIL India Ltd have signed an MoU with Badrinath Utthan Charitable Trust for Construction and Redevelopment of Badrinath Dham in Badrinath, Uttarakhand as a 'Spiritual Smart hill Town'.

7. Which company recently (in May'21) signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd (GUVNL) for supplying renewable energy?
1) Solar Energy Corporation of India
2) ReNew Power
3) NTPC Renewable Energy
4) Tata Power Solar
5) Azure Power
Answer- **3) NTPC Renewable Energy**
Explanation:
NTPC Renewable Energy, signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with state-run power utility Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd (GUVNL).
NTPC Renewable Energy will sell power from its upcoming 150 megawatt (MW) solar project in Gujarat to GUVNL at Rs 2.20/unit.

8. Which organisation (in May'21) partnered with Mobile Payment Forum of India (MPFI) to boost India's Digital Transactions?
1) IIT Madras
2) IIT Bombay
3) IIT Roorkee
4) IIT Guwahati
5) IIT Ropar
Answer- **1) IIT Madras**
Explanation:
Researchers from **IIT Madras** & members of Mobile Payment Forum of India (**MPFI**) are set to work together for boosting **digital money transactions** in India.
MPFI is a Joint initiative of IDRBT, Hyderabad & IIT Madras. It played a key role in developing interoperability and security standards for Immediate Payment Service (IMPS), and UPI.

9. Which country (in May'21) partnered with UNDP-India for developing Oxygen Generation plants in North-Eastern India?
1) Japan
2) France
3) Germany
4) Russia
5) Australia

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Answer- **1) Japan**

Explanation:

The Government of Japan & United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)-India have partnered to provide oxygen generation plants to the North Eastern (NE) Region in India.

10. In May 2021, India & Mongolia renewed their bilateral Cultural Exchange Program (CEP) until _____, and India assured to distribute _____ sets of Sacred Mongolian Kanjur by 2022.

1) 2022, 1500
2) 2023, 100
3) 2025, 1500
4) 2023, 150
5) 2022, 1000

Answer- **2) 2023, 100**

Explanation:

During a virtual meeting between India's Minister of State for Culture & Tourism (I/C) Prahlad Singh Patel & Mongolia's Minister of Culture, Chinbat Nomin, renewed the **Cultural Exchange Program (CEP)** between the two countries until 2023.

i.India's Culture Ministry is set to complete reprinting of **100 sets of Sacred Mongolian Kanjur by 2022** for distribution in Mongolia.

About Mongolia:

President – Khaltmaagiin Battulga
Capital – Ulaanbaatar
Currency – Togrog or Tugrik (MNT)

11. Which company signed an MoU (in May'21) with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for implementing AI based curriculum to skill educators & students in Tribal Schools?

1) Microsoft
2) Google
3) IBM
4) Amazon
5) Wipro

Answer- **1) Microsoft**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (**MoTA**) virtually signed an **MoU with Microsoft** during the virtual event 'Empowering Youth For Success' for digital transformation of Tribal schools such as Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS).

i.Microsoft will make the Artificial Intelligence **(AI) based curriculum** to skill educators and students with next-generation technologies.

12. With which country India renewed its 2 MoUs on Military cooperation & Maritime issues in May 2021?

1) UAE
2) Oman
3) Saudi Arabia
4) Iran

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5) Turkey
Answer- **2) Oman**
Explanation:
India & Oman renewed 2 MoUs signed between the two sides in 2018 for Military cooperation along with its annexure on maritime issues.
India's Armed Exercises with Oman:
Al Nagah – Joint Military Exercise
Naseem Al Bahr – Bilateral Maritime Exercise

13. Which country (in May'21) signed an Agriculture Action Plan with India for cooperation in the agricultural sector for a duration of 3-years?
1) Japan
2) UAE
3) France
4) Portugal
5) Israel
Answer- **5) Israel**
Explanation:
India & Israel have signed a three-year 5th **Indo-Israel Agriculture Action Plan (IIAP) 2021-23 agreement** for development in Agriculture cooperation. Under the work program, both countries will implement two initiatives namely 'Indo-Israel Agricultural Project Centre of Excellence' & 'Indo-Israel Villages of Excellence (IIVoE)'.
About Israel:
Prime Minister – Benjamin Netanyahu
Capital – Jerusalem
Currency – Israeli Shekel

14. In May 2021, NITI Aayog & TRIFED announced partnership for implementing Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK).
What are the points that are Incorrectly related to the VDVK partnership?
A) NITI Aayog will help in implementing VDVK's in 39 aspirating tribal districts
B) Van Dhan Yojna was launched by TRIFED in 2018
C) VDVK is a program dedicated to provide technological education among schools in tribal areas
1) Only B & C
2) Only A & B
3) Only C
4) Only B
5) Only A & C
Answer- **3) Only C**
Explanation:
TRIFED is set to partner with **NITI Aayog** for implementation of **Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK)** initiative under Van Dhan Yojna in **39 Tribal Aspirational districts** identified by NITI Aayog.
i.An additional 9900 VDVKs are proposed to be established in the 39 tribal aspirational districts, with **Special focus on** these aspirational districts, where tribal population is more than **50%**.
ii. Van Dhan Yojna was launched in **2018** and is implemented by TRIFED.
iii.VDVK is a programme for value addition, branding & marketing of **Minor Forest Produces.**

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15. Which country signed an MoU with WHO to set-up the 1st WHO BioHub Facility for rapid genome sharing of viruses & pathogens?

1) Italy
2) Norway
3) Switzerland
4) Sweden
5) Canada

Answer- **3) Switzerland**

Explanation:

World Health Organization (**WHO**), and **Switzerland** signed an MoU to launch the **first WHO BioHub Facility** as part of the WHO BioHub System during the 74th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland. The facility will allow the **rapid sharing of viruses and other pathogens genomes** between laboratories and global partners.

About WHO:

Director-General – Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland

16. In May 2021, National Technology Centre for Ports Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC) of IIT Madras signed an MoU for developing Indigenous Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Software.
What are the points that are correctly related to the MoU?
A) With this MoU, V.O. Chidambaranar Port became the 1st Indian Major Port to receive the indigenous VTS Software
B) Maintenance period of the VTS under the MoU is 5-years
C) International Maritime Organisation mandates the use of VTS for maintaining Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS)

1) All A, B & C
2) Only A & C
3) Only B
4) Only A & B
5) Only B & C

Answer- **1) All A, B & C**

Explanation:

The **V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust**, Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu has signed an MoU with National Technology Centre for Ports Waterways and Coasts (**NTCPWC**), **IIT Madras** for development of Indigenous Vessel Traffic Services **(VTS) Software** and for Operation, Manning and Maintenance of Vessel Traffic System.

i.VOC Port is the **1st Indian Major Port** to sign MoU with NTCPWC for development of Indigenous software for VTS.

ii. The duration of the MoU for maintenance and updating of the Vessel Traffic System will be a period of **5 years**.

iii.VTS is mandatory under **IMO** (International Maritime Organisation) convention **'SOLAS'** (**Safety of Life at Sea**).

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17. Which institution (in May'21) partnered with Germany's Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) to tackle the post Covid-19 challenges faced by Indian Business?

1) IIM Ahmedabad
2) IIT Madras
3) IISc Bangalore
4) Jawaharlal Nehru University
5) IIM Indore

Answer- **5) IIM Indore**

Explanation:

IIM-Indore has partnered with The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (**GIZ**), **German** Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to identify the challenges across pandemic-hit sectors and to figure out ways to tackle them.

18. Which organisation recently (in May'21) signed an MoU with Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU) to develop AI-based pest management system?

1) Wadhwani Institute for Artificial Learning
2) National Institute of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence
3) IIT Madras
4) IISc Bangalore
5) Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology

Answer- **1) Wadhwani Institute for Artificial Learning**

Explanation:

Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (**PJTSAU**), Hyderabad, Telangana signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with the **Wadhwani Institute for Artificial Learning**, Mumbai, Maharashtra for Artificial Intelligence(AI)-based pest or insect management system to support farmers.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1. Who recently (in Apr'21) became the Chairman of Bajaj Auto?

1) Sanjiv Bajaj
2) Rishab Bajaj
3) Jamnalal Bajaj
4) Sunaina Kejriwal
5) Niraj Bajaj

Answer- **5) Niraj Bajaj**

Explanation:

Bajaj Auto has named Niraj Bajaj, the non-executive Director of Bajaj Auto as its new chairman. He will succeed Rahul Bajaj with effect from 1st May 2021.

The company has also named Rahul Bajaj as Chairman Emeritus for a period of 5 years with effect from 1st May 2021.

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2. Who became the 1st Indian-American Associate Attorney General of the United States?
1) Vivek Murthy
2) Gautam Raghavan
3) Vanita Gupta
4) Kristen Clarke
5) Rajiv Gupta
Answer- **3) Vanita Gupta**
Explanation:
Indian-American Vanita Gupta has been appointed Associate Attorney General of the United States. With this she became the first Indian-American to serve in this role.

3. Who was appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of BEML Ltd in May 2021?
1) DK Hota
2) Amit Banerjee
3) MV Rajasekhar
4) Suneet Sharma
5) MV Gowtama
Answer- **2) Amit Banerjee**
Explanation:
The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB), has appointed Amit Banerjee the Director (Rail & Metro Business) of BEML limited, as the new Chairman and Managing Director(CMD) of BEML (Bharat Earth Movers Limited) Limited, a Miniratna Defence Public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Defence. BEML is headquartered at Bengaluru, Karnataka.

4. In May 2021, Mahesh Balasubramanian was appointed as the MD & CEO of which Insurance Company?
1) Tata AIA Life Insurance
2) Max Life Insurance
3) Aegon Life Insurance
4) SBI Life Insurance
5) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance
Answer- **5) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance**
Explanation:
Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Limited (KLI) has appointed Mahesh Balasubramanian, the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Kotak General Insurance(KGI) as its new Managing Director(MD) for a period of 3 years starting from 1st May 2021.

5. Who was recently (in May'21) appointed as the 4th Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India?
1) RS Ratho
2) Rohit Jain
3) T Rabi Sankar
4) R Subramanian
5) Anil Kumar Sharma
Answer- **3) T Rabi Sankar**

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Explanation:
The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) chaired by PM Narendra Modi appointed T Rabi Sankar, the Executive Director of Reserve Bank of India(RBI) as the 4th Deputy Governor of RBI for a period of 3 years or till his date of superannuation. He succeeds B P Kanungo, who retired on 2nd April 2021.

6. In May 2021, Former Supreme Court Judge Prafulla Chandra Pant was appointed as the Acting Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).
Identify the points that are correctly related to NHRC:
A) NHRC was established in 1993 as a Constitutional Body
B) NHRC Chairperson should be Chief Justice of India or a Judge of the Supreme Court
C) Tenure of Chairperson of NHRC is 5 years or 70 years, whichever is earlier
1) Only B
2) All A, B & C
3) Only C
4) Only B & C
5) Only A & C
Answer- **4) Only B & C**
Explanation:
Justice Prafulla Chandra Pant (PC Pant), a Former Supreme Court Judge had been appointed as Acting Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) with effect from April 25, 2021.
i.NHRC is a Statutory (Non-Constitutional) body which was established on 12 October, 1993.
ii.NHRC Chairperson should be Chief Justice of India or a Judge of the Supreme Court.
iii.NHRC Chairperson is appointed by the President of India, with the term of office as 5-years or till the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.

7. Who was appointed as the Chairman & MD of THDC India Limited in May 2021?
1) MA Ganapathy
2) Vijay Goel
3) Abhay Kumar Singh
4) DV Singh
5) Gurdeep Singh
Answer- **2) Vijay Goel**
Explanation:
Vijay Goel, Director (Personnel) of THDC India Limited (THDCIL) has taken over the additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of THDCIL from May 1, 2021.

- THDC India Limited is headquartered at Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.

8. In May 2021, IAS Officer Tripurari Sharan was appointed as Chief Secretary of Which state?
1) Kerala
2) Assam
3) Gujarat
4) Maharashtra
5) Bihar
Answer- **5) Bihar**

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Explanation:
On 1st May 2021, Senior IAS Officer Tripurari Sharan was appointed as Chief Secretary of Bihar. He will serve only for a period of two months. He succeeds Arun Kumar Singh who died of Covid-19.

9. In May 2021, the International Olympic Committee appointed _____ from India & Michelle Li from _____ as the athlete ambassadors of its "Believe in Sports" Campaign.
1) Hima Das, Japan
2) P.V. Sindhu, China
3) Dutee Chand, Canada
4) Hima Das, China
5) P.V. Sindhu, Canada
Answer- **5) P.V. Sindhu, Canada**
Explanation:
Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Champion and Olympic medal winner PV Sindhu and Michelle Li, a Canadian badminton player have been named the athlete ambassador for International Olympic Committee (IOC)'s "Believe in Sports" Campaign.

- The Believe in Sports Campaign was launched by the IOC in 2018 to raise awareness about the threat of competition manipulation among the athletes, coaches and officials.

10. Who became the 1st Indian woman commanding officer of the Border Roads Organisation?
1) Bhawana Kanth
2) Vaishali S Hiwase
3) Seema Rao
4) Barbara Ghosh
5) Anjana Bhaduria
Answer- **2) Vaishali S Hiwase**
Explanation:
The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has appointed Vaishali S Hiwase as the first woman officer to command a Road Construction Company (RCC).

11. What are the points that are correct with respect to the Chief Ministership of Mamata Banerjee in West Bengal?
A) For the 3rd Consecutive Term, Mamata becomes the CM of West Bengal even after losing in her constituency
B) She needs to get elected into the legislative council within 3-months
C) Chief Ministers & the Council of Ministers were appointed by the Governor under the provisions of Article 164
1) Only B & C
2) Only A & C
3) All A, B & C
4) Only A
5) Only A & B
Answer- **2) Only A & C**
Explanation:
On May 5, 2021, Mamata Banerjee who belongs to the party of Trinamool Congress (TMC) took oath as the Chief Minister (CM) of West Bengal for 3rd Consecutive Term (2011-2016, 2016-21).

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i.Mamata Banerjee took oath as CM, even though she was defeated in her constituency of Nandigram.
ii. To retain her CM post, she needs to either win a bypoll or get elected to the Legislative Council within 6 months to retain the position.
iii. Article 164 of the Indian constitution deals with appointment of Chief Ministers and other ministers by the Governor.

12. Identify the points that are correctly related to the recently concluded Assembly Elections in the State of Tamil Nadu & Puducherry UT
A) M K Stalin & N Rangasamy became the CMs of Tamil Nadu & Puducherry respectively
B) Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has a Total strength of 234 Elected representatives
C) Council of Ministers in a State shall not exceed 20% of the total strength of its legislative assembly
1) Only A & B
2) Only B & C
3) Only A
4) Only B
5) Only C
Answer- **1) Only A & B**
Explanation:
i.M K Stalin of Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam took oath as the 23rd Chief Minister (CM) of Tamil Nadu (TN).

- DMK + Alliance parties had won 159 seats out of 234 Seats in the Tamil Nadu State Assembly.

ii. Meanwhile, N Rangasamy of All India N.R. Congress (AINRC) took oath as the CM of Puducherry for the 4th Term.

- Alliance led by AINRC won 16 seats out of 30 in the Puducherry State Assembly.

iii. According to Article 164 (1A), the total number of Ministers, including the Chief Minister, in the Council of Ministers in a State shall not exceed 15 % of the total number of members of the State Legislative Assembly.

13. Who was appointed as the President of FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) in May 2021?
1) Jahnabi Phookan
2) Ujjwala Singhania
3) Padma Venkataraman
4) Jayanti Dalmia
5) Soma Mondal
Answer- **2) Ujjwala Singhania**
Explanation:
Ujjwala Singhania was appointed as the 38th National President 2021-22 of FLO (FICCI Ladies Organisation). She succeeds Jahnabi Phookan who served as the 37th National President for the year 2020-21.

- FLO is the women wing of FICCI.

About FICCI:
President – Uday Shankar
Head Office – New Delhi

14. In May 2021, IAS officer V. Irai Anbu was appointed as the Chief Secretary of which state?
1) Kerala
2) Assam
3) Tamil Nadu
4) West Bengal
5) Gujarat
Answer- **3) Tamil Nadu**
Explanation:
Senior IAS officer **V. Irai Anbu** as the Chief Secretary of **Tamil Nadu** by replacing Rajeev Ranjan.
About Tamil Nadu:
Tiger Reserves – Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve

15. _____ was elected as the ____ Chief Minister of Assam in May 2021.
1) Himanta Biswa Sarma, 12th
2) Sarbananda Sonowal, 12th
3) Himanta Biswa Sarma, 25th
4) Sarbananda Sonowal, 15th
5) Himanta Biswa Sarma, 15th
Answer- **5) Himanta Biswa Sarma, 15th**
Explanation:
On May 10, 2021, **Himanta Biswa Sarma** was sworn in as the 15th Chief Minister of Assam. He has replaced Sarbananda Sonowal.
Based on **Article 164** the Governor of Assam Jagdish Mukhi appointed the CM of the **126-member** legislative assembly.

16. Who was appointed (in May'21) as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)?
1) Manoj Jain
2) Mukesh Kumar Surana
3) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
4) Arun Kumar Singh
5) Shashi Shanker
Answer- **4) Arun Kumar Singh**
Explanation:
Arun Kumar Singh was appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) panel.

17. In May 2021, RBI appointed _____ as the Executive Director of RBI, who will be in charge of the Human Resource Management Department.
1) Swaminathan Gurumurthy
2) Natarajan Chandrasekaran
3) Revathy Iyer
4) Sachin Chaturvedi
5) Jose J Kattoor
Answer- **5) Jose J Kattoor**

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Explanation:
RBI appointed Jose J Kattoor as its Executive Director (ED) with effect from 4th May 2021. He will manage the Human Resource Management Department, Corporate Strategy and Budget Department and Rajbhasha Department.

18. Who recently (in May'21) became the 1st CEO of National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)?
1) Padmakumar Madhavan Nair
2) Roshni Nadar Malhotra
3) Sunil Mehta
4) Vikash Srivastava
5) Rajkiran Rai G
Answer- **1) Padmakumar Madhavan Nair**
Explanation:
Padmakumar Madhavan Nair, Chief General Manager of Stressed Assets Resolution Group at State Bank of India(SBI) appointed as the **1st Chief Executive Officer(CEO)** of the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (**NARCL**).

19. Yoweri Museveni (in May'21) became the President of Which county?
1) Burundi
2) Rwanda
3) Uganda
4) Kenya
5) Tanzania
Answer- **3) Uganda**
Explanation:
Yoweri Museveni of the National Resistance Movement party has sworn in for the 6th term as the President of Uganda.
About Uganda:
President– Yoweri Museveni
Capital- Kampala
Currency– Ugandan Shilling

20. Who was appointed (in May'21) as the Undersecretary-General of UN Humanitarian Affairs?
1) Mark Lowcock
2) Martin Griffiths
3) Usha Rao-Monari
4) Liu Zhenmin
5) Ana Maria Menéndez
Answer- **2) Martin Griffiths**
Explanation:
United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed veteran British diplomat **Martin Griffiths as the new UN humanitarian Under Secretary-General** for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator(Chief). He succeeds Mark Lowcock, a Briton who has served as undersecretary-general for humanitarian affairs and emergency relief coordinator for four years.

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21. _____ was appointed as the Prime Minister of Nepal in May 2021, even after losing the trust vote in the _____ member Parliament.

1) Bidya Devi Bhandari, 196
2) K. P. Sharma Oli, 275
3) Bidya Devi Bhandari, 275
4) K. P. Sharma Oli, 196
5) Bidya Devi Bhandari, 234

Answer- **2) K. P. Sharma Oli, 275**

Explanation:

KP Sharma Oli, Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist) (CPN-UML) was re-appointed as the Prime Minister(PM) of Nepal by President Bidhya Devi Bhandari.

i.Even after losing the Trust vote in the Parliament, he became the PM since the opposition were unable to prove majority in the **275-member** strong Parliament.

22. Who was appointed (in May'21) as the CEO of Bata India?

1) Sandeep Kataria
2) Gunjan Shah
3) Rajesh Gopinathan
4) Kalyan Krishnamurthy
5) Gopal Vittal

Answer- **2) Gunjan Shah**

Explanation:

India's largest footwear retailer **Bata** India Ltd., appointed **Gunjan Shah** as its new chief executive officer(**CEO**). He will succeed Sandeep Kataria who was elevated as the global CEO of Bata Brand.

i.Bata India is headquartered at **Gurugram, Haryana**.

23. In May 2021, Moctor Ouane was reappointed as the Prime Minister of which country?

1) Niger
2) Senegal
3) Mali
4) Chad
5) Libya

Answer- **3) Mali**

Explanation:

Moctor Ouane was reappointed as Prime Minister of Mali by President Bah Ndaw.

About Mali:

President – Bah Ndaw
Capital – Bamako
Currency – West African CFA Franc

24. In May 2021, Vandita Kaul was appointed as Government nominee Director of Which bank?

1) State Bank of India
2) Indian Overseas Bank
3) Union Bank of India
4) Bank of India
5) Central Bank of India

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Answer- **4) Bank of India**

Explanation:

The Government of India has appointed **Vandita Kaul**, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, as government nominee director on the board of directors of **Bank of India**.

25. Who was appointed as the MD & CEO of Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company in May 2021?

1) Abhay Tewari
2) Devesh Srivastava
3) Siddhartha Mohanty
4) Sujay Banarji
5) S. C. Khuntia

Answer- **1) Abhay Tewari**

Explanation:

In May 2021, **Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company** Ltd (SUD LIFE) announced the appointment of **Abhay Tewari** as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer(MD & CEO) of SUD LIFE.

26. Who became (in May'21) the Chief Minister of Kerala for the record 2nd Term?

1) Himanta Biswa Sarma
2) Edappadi K. Palaniswami
3) M. K. Stalin
4) Pinarayi Vijayan
5) Oommen Chandy

Answer- **4) Pinarayi Vijayan**

Explanation:

Pinarayi Vijayan was sworn in as Kerala Chief Minister for a second time, after guiding the CPM-led Left Democratic Front government to a historic second successive term in the 2021 election

He is the **first Chief Minister in Kerala to get a second consecutive term.**

About Kerala:

Capital: Thiruvananthapuram

Governor: Arif Mohammed Khan

27. Who was appointed as the People's Advocate of the UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26)-2021?

1) Alok Sharma
2) Sir David Attenborough
3) Nigel Topping
4) Peter Hill
5) John Kerry

Answer- **2) Sir David Attenborough**

Explanation:

Sir David Attenborough, world-renowned broadcaster and natural historian, has been appointed as the People's Advocate for the 26th United Nations **(UN) Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26)-2021,** which will be held in **Glasgow**, Scotland, United Kingdom (UK) in November 2021.

UK and Italy will host COP-26.

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28. Who was appointed as the CEO of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH), in May 2021?
1) Nandan Nilekani
2) Kris Gopalakrishnan
3) Rajesh Bansal
4) Rabi Sankar
5) Revathy Iyer
Answer- **3) Rajesh Bansal**
Explanation:
The Board of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has appointed Rajesh Bansal as the chief executive officer (CEO) of the RBIH with effect from May 17, 2021.

29. In May 2021, Anatole Collinet Makosso was appointed as the Prime Minister of which country?
1) Congo
2) Chile
3) Ecuador
4) Peru
5) Tanzania
Answer- **1) Congo**
Explanation:
Anatole Collinet Makosso, was appointed as the New Prime Minister of the Republic of the Congo.
About Republic of the Congo:
President– Denis Sassou Nguesso
Capital– Brazzaville
Currency– Central African CFA franc

30. Who was appointed (in May'21) as the President of the International Hockey Federation(FHI)?
1) Thierry Weil
2) Narinder Batra
3) Gianni Infantino
4) Jay Shah
5) Himanta Biswa Sarma
Answer- **2) Narinder Batra**
Explanation:
Narinder Batra, Indian Olympic Association president was re-elected as president of the **International Hockey Federation(FHI)** for a 2nd term at the virtual 47th Congress of the FHI held on May22,2021.
About FHI:
Establishment – 1924
Headquarters – Lausanne, Switzerland
CEO – Thierry Weil

31. In May 2021, Fiame Naomi Mata'afa became the 1st female Prime Minister of Which country?
1) Fiji
2) Papua New Guinea
3) Palau

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4) Samoa
5) Guinea
Answer- **4) Samoa**
Explanation:
Fiame Naomi Mata'afa, was sworn in as the **first female Prime Minister(PM) of Samoa** at a ceremony conducted in a makeshift tent outside the parliament.
About Samoa:
Capital– Apia
Currency– Samoan Tālā

32. Who recently (in May'21) got elected to the Badminton World Federation(BWF) council for a 4-years term?
1) Narinder Batra
2) Rajeev Shukla
3) Himanta Biswa Sarma
4) Jay Shah
5) Pullela Gopichand
Answer- **3) Himanta Biswa Sarma**
Explanation:
The Badminton Association of India **(BAI) president Himanta Biswa Sarma** was elected to the **Badminton World Federation(BWF) council** for the period of four years i.e 2021-25.

33. In May 2021, Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra was appointed as the Chief Justice of which High Court?
1) Madras High Court
2) Chhattisgarh High Court
3) Allahabad High Court
4) Tripura High Court
5) Andhra Pradesh High Court
Answer- **2) Chhattisgarh High Court**
Explanation:
Justice **Prashant Kumar Mishra** has been appointed acting Chief Justice of the **Chhattisgarh** High Court and will take charge from June 1, 2021.
He was appointed by the President under **Article 223** of the Constitution of India.

34. Who was appointed (in May'21) as the Chairperson of the 12-member expert committee on investment funds of International Financial Services Centres(IFSC)?
1) Nilesh Shah
2) Sandeep Bakhshi
3) Injeti Srinivas
4) Amitabh Chaudhry
5) Aditya Puri
Answer- **1) Nilesh Shah**
Explanation:
The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), the regulator of GIFT- City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City), constituted a 12-member expert committee on investment funds(IF)

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under the Chairmanship of **Nilesh Shah**, to recommend a roadmap to promote IF at International Financial Services Centres(IFSC).

35. Who was appointed (in May'21) as the Director of Central Bureau of Investigation(CBI)?
1) Radha Vinod Raju
2) Arvind Kumar
3) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal
4) Samant Goel
5) Rakesh Asthana
Answer- **3) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal**
Explanation:
The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet has appointed **Subodh Kumar Jaiswal** as the **Director of Central Bureau of Investigation(CBI)** for a period of 2 years from the date of assumption of charge.

36. In May 2021, Bah N'Daw and Moctar Ouane resigned from the post of President & Prime Minister after being detained by the Military. Which country do they belong to?
1) Uganda
2) Eswatini
3) Liberia
4) Mali
5) Sierra Leone
Answer- **4) Mali**
Explanation:
The Interim President of Mali **Bah N'Daw and Moctar Ouane** Prime minister(PM) of Mali has resigned from their post after they were arrested by the **Military**, led by the interim Vice President **Assimi Goita**.
About Mali:
Capital– Bamako
Currency– West African CFA Franc

37. Who (in May'21) became the 2nd Democratically-elected President of Central Tibetan Administration (CTA)?
1) Lobsang Sangay
2) Penpa Tsering
3) Dalai Lama
4) Tsai Ing-wen
5) Carrie Lam
Answer- **2) Penpa Tsering**
Explanation:
Penpa Tsering sworn in as the second democratically-elected **president** (Sikyong) of the 17th Parliament-in-Exile of the **Central Tibetan Administration (CTA)**, the Dharamshala-based Tibetan government-in-exile.
i.Penpa Tsering succeeds Lobsang Sangay, who completed his second five-year term.

38. Who was elected as the President of Syria in May 2021?
1) Barham Salih
2) Abdallah Salloum Abdallah

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3) Mustafa Al-Kadhimi
4) Bashar al-Assad
5) Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi
Answer- **4) Bashar al-Assad**
Explanation:
Bashar al-Assad was re-elected for a **4th seven-year term** as the **President of Syria**. He received around 95.1% of the votes cast and won the election.
Bashar Al-Assad became the president of Syria at the age of 34, succeeding his father Hafez al-Assad in **2000**.

39. In May 2021, the Central Government extended the tenure of Samant Kumar Goel the Secretary of _____ and _____ the Director of Intelligence Bureau by 1-year.
1) Central Bureau of Investigation; Praveen Sinha
2) Research and Analysis Wing; Arvind Kumar
3) Central Bureau of Investigation; Arvind Kumar
4) Research and Analysis Wing; Praveen Sinha
5) National Investigation Agency; Yogesh Chander Modi
Answer- **2) Research and Analysis Wing; Arvind Kumar**
Explanation:
The Union Government has extended the tenure of Research and Analysis Wing(RAW)'s secretary, **Samant Kumar Goel** and Intelligence Bureau (IB)'s Director **Arvind Kumar** by one year.

40. _____ will head the 7-member Group of States' Ministers to evaluate the GST valuation on Casinos, race courses, and online gaming companies, which are currently at the _____ Tax slab in-case of 'No betting involved'.
1) Manish Sisodia; 18%
2) Nitin Patel; 28%
3) Ajit Pawar; 28%
4) Nitin Patel; 18%
5) Ajit Pawar; 18%
Answer- **4) Nitin Patel; 18%**
Explanation:
The Finance Ministry has set up a 7-member Group of States' Ministers (GoM) to better understand, examine, and resolve the uncertainty over the valuation of services by casinos, race courses, and online gaming companies for levying Goods and Services Tax (GST).
i.The Committee will be Convened by Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat, **Nitin Patel**.
ii. Currently, services of casinos, horse racing and online gaming which are not involved in betting attract **18%** GST and online games **involving betting** or gambling attract **28%** GST.

41. Which country's Constitutional Court recently (in May'21) appointed Colonel Assimi Goïta as its transitional President?
1) Uganda
2) Eswatini
3) Liberia
4) Mali
5) Sierra Leone

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Answer- **4) Mali**

Explanation:

The Constitutional court of Mali has named Colonel Assimi Goïta, the interim Vice President of Mali who led the military coup as the transitional President of Mali.

About Mali:

Capital– Bamako

Currency– West African CFA Franc

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. In May 2021, _____ received the Order of the Rising Sun award the 3rd highest award of Japan under the class Gold & Silver Rays, while _____ won the award under Gold and Silver Star category.

1) Shyamala Ganesh, Nripendra Misra
2) Shyamala Ganesh, Sanjay Kumar Verma
3) Shyamala Ganesh, Ashok Kantha
4) S.P. Chenthil Kumar, Nripendra Misra
5) S.P. Chenthil Kumar, Sanjay Kumar Verma

Answer- **1) Shyamala Ganesh, Nripendra Misra**

Explanation:

Shyamala Ganesh, former director of the Japanese Language School, received the 3rd highest order decoration of Japan, Order of the Rising Sun, under the class Gold and Silver Rays from the Consulate-General of Japan in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Other Winners:

· Former Principal Secretary to Prime Minister of India, Nripendra Misra won the "Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star"

· Indira Misra won the "Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays"

About Japan:

Capital – Tokyo

Currency – Japanese yen

Prime Minister – Yoshihide Suga

2. In May 2021, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting instituted a new award, _____ Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Cinema.

1) Mrinal Sen
2) Satyajit Ray
3) Dadasaheb Phalke
4) K. Balachander
5) Rishi Kapoor

Answer- **2) Satyajit Ray**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) has instituted the "Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Cinema" during the centenary celebration of the Birth anniversary of Satyajit Ray at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2021.

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3. Which movie won the Best Film (Jury) award at the 11th Dadasaheb Phalke Film Festival 2021?
1) Parasite
2) Jungle Cry
3) Chhapaak
4) Ludo
5) Laxmii
Answer- **2) Jungle Cry**
Explanation:
"Jungle Cry" directed by Sagar Ballary won the Best Film (Jury) award at the 11th Dadasaheb Phalke Film Festival 2021.
Best Director - **Sudeep Ranjan Sarkar** for "Death of Spring"

4. Who was honoured with the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, at the 93rd Academy Awards (Oscar 2021)?
1) Chloé Zhao
2) Tyler Perry
3) Anthony Hopkins
4) Frances McDormand
5) Daniel Kaluuya
Answer- **2) Tyler Perry**
Explanation:
American Actor Tyler Perry received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, at the 93rd Academy Awards (Oscar 2021) Ceremony.

5. Which Regional Rural Bank was awarded with 5 awards by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority for various enrollment of Atal Pension Yojana?
1) Puduvai Bharathiar Grama Bank
2) Rajasthan Marudhara Gramin Bank
3) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank
4) Himachal Pradesh Gramin Bank
5) Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank
Answer- **3) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank**
Explanation:
Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), has bagged top 5 awards from the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (**PFRDA**) due to the various campaigns held under KVGB for **enrollment of Atal Pension Yojana** (APY).
5 Awards – Lead to Leap, APY Makers of Excellence, Game Changers, Leadership Capital and Amazing Achievers

6. _____ & _____ won the Laureus World Sportsman & Sportswomen of the Year for 2021 during the digital award ceremony from Spain.
1) Lewis Hamilton, Ellyse Perry
2) Virat Kohli, Naomi Osaka
3) Cristiano Ronaldo, Ellyse Perry
4) Rafael Nadal, Naomi Osaka

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5) Lewis Hamilton, Ashleigh Barty

Answer- **4) Rafael Nadal, Naomi Osaka**

Explanation:

The 22nd Laureus World Sports Awards 2021 were unveiled at a Digital Awards Ceremony from Sevilla, Spain.

Award	Recipient
Laureus World Sportsman of the Year	**Rafael Nadal** **Country – Spain, Sports – Tennis**
Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year	**Naomi Osaka** **Country – Japan, Sports – Tennis**
Laureus Athlete Advocate of the Year Award (Inaugural Award)	Lewis Hamilton Country – UK, Sport – Formula One
Laureus Sporting Moment of the Year Award	Chris Nikic – American Triathlete In 2020, he became the 1st person with Down Syndrome to finish an Ironman triathlon

7. Who recently (in May'21) became the 1st Indian to win Sheikh Zayed Book Award?

1) Tahera Qutbuddin
2) Jurgen Habermas
3) Mizouni Bannani
4) Iman Mersal
5) Khelil Gouia

Answer- **1) Tahera Qutbuddin**

Explanation:

Tahera Qutbuddin, Professor of Arabic Literature, Department of NELC, University of Chicago, won the Sheikh Zayed Book Award in 2021 for her book titled "Arabic Oration: Art and Function". She became the **1st person from India** to win the award.

Sheikh Zayed Book Award is given by the **UAE** for extraordinary literature works on **Arabic culture**.

8. Who recently (in May'21) became the 1st Indian Judge to receive the Arline Pacht Global Vision Award of the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ)?

1) Vijaya K. Tahilramani
2) R. Banumathi
3) Indu Malhotra
4) Indira Banerjee
5) Gita Mittal

Answer- **5) Gita Mittal**

Explanation:

Justice Gita Mittal, Former Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir(J&K) High Court received the Arline Pacht Global Vision Award for 2021 by the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ). She became the 1st IndianJudge to receive the honour.

9. Which Indian-UN Peacekeeping officer was honoured by UN Secretary General during the UN annual Memorial Service 2021?

1) Yuvraj Singh
2) T S Tirumurti

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3) Raveesh Kumar
4) Syed Akbaruddin
5) Arun M Kumar
Answer- **1) Yuvraj Singh**
Explanation:
UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres honored Indian UN Peacekeeping officer Yuvraj Singh, who died in line of duty in 2020, during the UN annual Memorial Service 2021.

10. Who became (in May 2021) the 1st woman of Asian heritage to receive the World Food Prize?
1) Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted
2) Lily Kong
3) Roshni Nadar Malhotra
4) Melanie Perkins
5) Zhao Yan
Answer- **1) Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted**
Explanation:
Indian Descent **Dr Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted**, a native of Trinidad and Tobago and a citizen of **Denmark**, won the **2021 World Food Prize** for her research, insights and innovations in developing holistic, nutrition-sensitive approaches to aquaculture and food systems. She becomes the **first woman of Asian heritage to receive this award.**

11. Which company received the Green Urja Award 2021 conferred by Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)?
1) Solar Energy Corporation of India
2) NHPC Limited
3) India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited
4) Power Finance Corporation
5) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited
Answer- **5) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited**
Explanation:
Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (**IREDA**) under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) won the **Green Urja Award 2021** for its developmental role towards Green Energy Financing.
The award was conferred by the **Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC).**

12. In May 2021, Two World records were created from Mount Everest, when _____ climbed the mountain in the shortest span of 4-days & Kami Rita Sherpa broke his own record with his ____ climb on Everest.
1) Anshu Jamsenpa, 35th
2) Mingma Tenji Sherpa, 25th
3) Anshu Jamsenpa, 25th
4) Mingma Tenji Sherpa, 30th
5) Anshu Jamsenpa, 30th
Answer- **2) Mingma Tenji Sherpa, 25th**

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Explanation:
Nepali mountain guide, **Mingma Tenji Sherpa**, created a world record by climbing 8848.86-meter-high Mount Everest(world's highest peak) twice in the shortest span of just **four days**.
i.On May 8, Nepali mountain guide **Kami Rita Sherpa** broke his own record of the most ascents of the world's highest peak for the **25th** time.

13. _____ won the 2021's Whitley Award for creating the "Biodiversity Peace Corridor" to protect _____.
1) Vivek Menon, Amur Falcon
2) Vivek Menon, Great hornbill
3) Y Nuklu Phom, Great hornbill
4) Y Nuklu Phom, Amur Falcon
5) Ramana Athreya, Great hornbill
Answer- **4) Y Nuklu Phom, Amur Falcon**
Explanation:
Y Nuklu Phom, a church worker from Nagaland, won the Whitley Award 2021 for his efforts toward creating **"Biodiversity Peace Corridor"**, a network of community-owned forests in Nagaland and protecting the **Amur Falcon**. He is the only Indian to win the prestigious award.
The Whitley Award is also known as the **'Green Oscar'**.

14. Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of _____ topped the Fortune's 2021 'World's 50 Greatest Leaders' list, while _____ was the only Indian leader in the Top 10.
1) New Zealand, Balram Bhargava
2) Australia, Harsh Vardhan
3) New Zealand, Narendra Modi
4) Australia, Soumya Swaminathan
5) New Zealand, Adar Poonawalla
Answer- **5) New Zealand, Adar Poonawalla**
Explanation:
Fortune Magazine released its **'World's 50 Greatest Leaders'** list for 2021 which is topped by **New Zealand**(NZ) Prime Minister(PM) Jacinda Ardern. **Serum Institute of India's CEO Adar Poonawalla i**s on the 10th spot and he is the only Indian among the top 10 names on the list.

15. Who was awarded the International Invincible Gold Medal 2021 by Maharshi Organisation?
1) Narendra Modi
2) Harsh Vardhan
3) S. Jaishankar
4) Yogi Adityanath
5) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank
Answer- **5) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank**
Explanation:
Union Education Minister, Dr **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** was awarded **International Invincible Gold Medal 2021** by Maharshi Organisation. He has been recognised for his extraordinary commitment and outstanding service to humanity through his writings, social and illustrious public life.

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16. Who was crowned as 2020's Miss Universe at the competition held in Florida, USA?
1) Andrea Meza
2) Adline Castelino
3) Manushi Chhillar
4) Julia Gama
5) Zozibini Tunzi
Answer- **1) Andrea Meza**
Explanation:
Mexican Model **Andrea Meza** was crowned as the **Miss Universe 2020** at the televised event held in Florida, US. She became the 3rd Mexican woman to be crowned as Miss Universe.

17. In May 2021, Baljeet Kaur & Gunbala Sharma became the 1st Indians to reach the summit of _____.
1) Mount Lhotse
2) Mount Manaslu
3) Mount Pumori
4) Mount Cho Oyu
5) Mount Nuptse
Answer- **3) Mount Pumori**
Explanation:
Baljeet Kaur and Gunbala Sharma have become the 1st Indian Women Mountaineers to reach the Summit of **Mount Pumori** in Nepal.
They are also the 1st to scale a mountain that is a part of the **Everest Massif.**

18. Who won the 2020 Millennium Technology Prize along with David Klenerman?
1) Chandrima Shaha
2) Shankar Balasubramanian
3) B K Thelma
4) Avinash Dixit
5) Gopi Chand Narang
Answer- **2) Shankar Balasubramanian**
Explanation:
Cambridge University chemists – Professor **Shankar Balasubramanian** and Professor **David Klenerman won the 2020 Millennium Technology Prize** for the development of revolutionary DNA sequencing techniques – Next Generation DNA Sequencing (NGS).

19. Who became the World's 2nd Richest person after the shares of Tesla sharply dropped in May 2021, according to Bloomberg Billionaires Index?
1) Elon Musk
2) Bernard Arnault
3) Jeff Bezos
4) Warren Buffett
5) Bill Gates
Answer- **2) Bernard Arnault**

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Explanation:
Tesla & SpaceX CEO Elon Musk became the world's 2nd-richest person according to Bloomberg Billionaires Index (in May 2021) due to a sharp drop in Tesla's share by 2.2%. Musk was overtaken by LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton's Chairman **Bernard Arnault**.
Jeff Bezos is still the World's Richest person.

20. Who was the 1st Indian Woman Mountain Climber to scale Mount Everest in 2021?
1) Gunbala Sharma
2) Baljeet Kaur
3) Tashi Yangjom
4) Shivangi Pathak
5) Malavath Purna
Answer- **3) Tashi Yangjom**
Explanation:
Mountaineer, Tashi Yangjom from Arunachal Pradesh becomes the 1st Indian Woman Climber to Scale the World's highest Mountain, Mt Everest (Elevation of 8,849 Metres) in 2021.

21. Who was the only Indian-Origin Immunologist to get elected to the National Academy of Sciences(NAS) in 2021?
1) Sankar Ghosh
2) Sugata Bose
3) Sagar Sengupta
4) Raj Reddy
5) Pawan Gupta
Answer- **1) Sankar Ghosh**
Explanation:
Indian-origin immunologist **Sankar Ghosh** has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences(NAS) in recognition of his "distinguished and continuing achievements in original research". He is one of the 120 newly elected members announced by the NAS.

22. Which organisation announced a new award called "Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Social Justice Champion Award"?
1) National Basketball Association
2) FIFA
3) Athletics Federation of India
4) Formula 1
5) International Tennis Federation
Answer- **1) National Basketball Association**
Explanation:
The National Basketball Association (NBA) announced an award named after the former American basketball player – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar called the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Social Justice Champion Award to recognise players who are making strides in the fight for social justice.

23. Who was honoured with the 2021's Templeton Prize?
1) Archbishop Desmond Tutu
2) Prince Philip

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3) Dalai Lama
4) Sir Martin Rees
5) Jane Goodall
Answer- **5) Jane Goodall**
Explanation:
The prestigious **Templeton Prize** for the year 2021 was given to conservationist **Jane Goodall.** She was renowned for her expertise on chimpanzees and her globe-spanning advocacy of environmental causes. Templeton Prize is one of the world's largest individual awards currently valued at 1.1 million pounds

24. Who is the World highest-paid athletes for 2021 as per the annual ranking of Forbes?
1) Virat Kohli
2) Dak Prescott
3) Conor McGregor
4) Cristiano Ronaldo
5) Lionel Messi
Answer- **3) Conor McGregor**
Explanation:
Forbes' annual ranking of the **World highest-paid athletes for 2021** was released. Mixed Martial Arts**(MMA) Fighter Conor McGregor** from Ireland topped the list with a total earning of **180 million USD**(around 1313 crores). McGregor is followed by football players Lionel Messi (2nd) with 130 million USD and Cristiano Ronaldo (3rd) with 120 million USD.

25. Which organisation won the Etienne Glichitch Award in May 2021?
1) Sports Authority Of India
2) Board of Control for Cricket in India
3) All India Chess Federation
4) Hockey India
5) All India Tennis Association
Answer- **4) Hockey India**
Explanation:
Hockey India won the **Etienne Glichitch Award** in recognition of Hockey India's contribution towards the growth and development of Hockey.
The award is presented once every two years.
About Hockey India:
President- Gyanendro Ningombam
Headquarters– New Delhi

26. Who was appointed (in May'21) as the Managing Director of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd (CPCL)?
1) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
2) Arvind Kumar
3) Arun Kumar Singh
4) Mukesh Kumar Surana
5) Gurdeep Singh
Answer- **2) Arvind Kumar**

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Explanation:
The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has recommended **Arvind Kumar** as Managing Director(**MD**) of **Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd** (CPCL), a unit of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.

27. Which Indian origin personality was appointed (in May'21) as a senior adviser to US President Joe Biden?
1) Neera Tanden
2) Ami Bera
3) Kamala Harris
4) Manka Dhingra
5) Raja Krishnamoorthi
Answer- **1) Neera Tanden**
Explanation:
The U.S administration has announced that Indian-American **Neera Tanden** is set to join the White House as a senior adviser to President Joe Biden.

28. Which Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) was awarded as the Best BMC in the India Biodiversity Awards(IBA) 2021?
1) Shergaon BMC, Arunachal Pradesh
2) Dudhai BMC, Uttarakhand
3) Padichira BMC, Kerala
4) Anchalik BMC, Assam
5) Talakalale BMC, Karnataka
Answer- **1) Shergaon BMC, Arunachal Pradesh**
Explanation:
The **Shergaon** Biodiversity Management Committee (**BMC**) of **Arunachal Pradesh** has won the best 'BMC' award in the **India Biodiversity Awards(IBA) 2021**.
i.The award is given on 22nd May, International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB).
ii.Shaji .N.M., farmer, Kerala (fondly called as 'Tuber Man') was awarded the Conservation of Domesticated Species(individual)

29. Which Indian Entrepreneur was ranked as Asia's 2nd richest person in the Bloomberg Billionaire Index, in May 2021?
1) Mukesh Ambani
2) Byju Raveendran
3) Lakshmi Mittal
4) Shiv Nadar
5) Gautam Adani
Answer- **5) Gautam Adani**
Explanation:
Adani Group's founder and chairman **Gautam Adani became Asia's 2nd richest person**, as per Bloomberg Billionaire Index. Still the Asia's richest person title is held by Mukesh Ambani.

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30. Which company won the Star Export House Award 2021 from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry?
1) Zydus Wellness Ltd
2) Rain Commodities Ltd
3) Orient Paper & Industries Ltd
4) Shree Malani Foams Ltd
5) Shilpa Medicare Ltd
Answer- **4) Shree Malani Foams Ltd**
Explanation:
Shree Malani Foams Private Limited, Hyderabad in Telangana won the **Star Export House Award 2021** from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry(MoCI). The certification is valid for 5 years between 2021 to 2026. Shree Malani Foams became the first and only mattress and mattress components company to win the award in the past 5 years.

31. Who won the 2021's European Golden Shoe award?
1) Lionel Messi
2) Harry Kane
3) Cristiano Ronaldo
4) Robert Lewandowski
5) Kylian Mbappe
Answer- **4) Robert Lewandowski**
Explanation:
Bayern Munich's Robert Lewandowski was awarded with Europe's Golden Shoe, as he finished as the top scorer in Europe's leading domestic leagues.

32. Who is the World's richest person (in May'21) as per the Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List?
1) Elon Musk
2) Jeff Bezos
3) Bill Gates
4) Warren Buffet
5) Bernard Arnault
Answer- **5) Bernard Arnault**
Explanation:
According to the **Forbes** Real-Time Billionaires List, on 24th May 2021, French tycoon **Bernard Arnault**, CEO and majority owner of LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton(LVMH), became the world's richest person with an estimated net worth of 186.3 billion USD.

33. Who won 2021's Princess of Asturias Award, the top award of Spain, under social science category?
1) Amartya Sen
2) Verghese Kurien
3) Norman Borlaug
4) M. S. Swaminathan
5) Veena Das
Answer- **1) Amartya Sen**

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Explanation:
Indian economist and Nobel Laureate **Amartya Kumar Sen** won **Spain's top award – Princess of Asturias Award 2021**, under the Social Science category. The jury announced the list of 2021 laureates over the virtual platform.
i.He won the **Nobel Prize in Economics** in 1998 for his "contributions to welfare economics"

34. Who was honoured with the International Hockey Federation (FIH) President's Award-2021?
1) Manpreet Singh
2) Narinder Dhruv Batra
3) V Kartikeyan Pandian
4) Mandeep Singh
5) Himanta Biswa Sarma
Answer- **3) V Kartikeyan Pandian**
Explanation:
IAS officer **V Kartikeyan Pandian**, the private secretary to Naveen Patnaik, CM of Odisha, was honoured with the **President's Award 2021** by the International Hockey Federation (**FIH**) for promotion of Hockey in Odisha.

35. Who was awarded the 2020 Energy Frontier Award also known as the International Eni Award 2020?
1) Amartya Sen
2) Nambi Narayanan
3) C. N. R. Rao
4) Bismillah Khan
5) Udupi Ramachandra Rao
Answer- **3) C. N. R. Rao**
Explanation:
Bharat Ratna awardee, Professor Chintamani Nages Ramachandra Rao (**C.N.R. Rao**) has received the **Energy Frontier Award 2020** for research into renewable energy sources and energy storage. The Energy Frontier Award 2020 is also known as the **International Eni Awards 2020**.
i.The award is considered the **Nobel Prize in Energy Research**.
ii.2020 International Eni Awards mark the 13th edition of the Eni Awards.

36. Indian entrepreneurs Jitesh Arora, Abhijeet Mittal, and Aashna Singh were listed in the 2021 Forbes 30 under 30 Asia list under Industry, Manufacturing & Energy category. They are the co-founders of which start-up company?
1) Zerodha
2) Renew Power
3) Digit Insurance
4) AddressHealth
5) MoooFarm
Answer- **5) MoooFarm**
Explanation:
Gurugram based startup **MoooFarm's** Co-founders **Jitesh Arora, Abhijeet Mittal, and Aashna Singh** have been placed in the most esteemed, recently announced **2021 Forbes 30 under 30 Asia list** in the **Industry, Manufacturing and Energy category.**

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The Jaipur based startup **Nyaykarta**'s Founder, **Shubham Sharma** has also been placed in the 2021 Forbes 30 under 30 Asia list under the **Social Impact** category.

37. Who became the 1st Indian to win the annual 'World Choreography Award' during the 10th annual award ceremony in 2020?
1) Suresh Mukund
2) Prabhu Deva
3) Remo D'Souza
4) Terence Lewis
5) Punit Pathak
Answer- **1) Suresh Mukund**
Explanation:
Emmy Award-nominated choreographer **Suresh Mukund** became the 1st Indian to receive Annual World Choreography Award, he won the 10th Annual **World Choreography Award 2020**.

38. Who became the 1st Indian to win the Rudolf V Schindler Award from the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) in 2021?
1) Dr. Randeep Guleria
2) Dr. D Nageshwar Reddy
3) Balram Bhargava
4) Dr. Milind Shirodkar
5) Soumya Swaminathan
Answer- **2) Dr. D Nageshwar Reddy**
Explanation:
The American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (**ASGE**) has honoured Dr **Duvvur(D) Nageshwar Reddy** with the renowned **Rudolf V Schindler Award 2021**. He is the **1st Indian medical practitioner** to win this award. He won the award for his work in the field of **endoscopy**.
i.Dr D Nageshwar Reddy received Padma Bhushan award in 2016.
ii.He is the Chairman and founder of Asian Institute of Gastroenterology (AIG)

39. _____ received the International Dublin Literary Award 2021 for the novel _____
1) Louise Glück; The Wild Iris
2) Douglas Stuart; Shuggie Bain
3) Marieke Lucas Rijneveld; The Discomfort of Evening
4) Valeria Luiselli; Lost Children Archive
5) Zakiya Dalila Harris; The Other Black Girl
Answer- **4) Valeria Luiselli; Lost Children Archive**
Explanation:
Mexican author **Valeria Luiselli** won the International Dublin Literary Award 2021 for her novel, **Lost Children Archive**.
i.The International Dublin Literary Award was established in **1994**, and considered as one of the highest literary awards in the world.

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SUMMITS, CONFERENCES

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi & Boris Johnson participated in the India-UK Virtual Summit 2021
Identify the key initiatives that were taken during the summit:
A) India-UK adopted 'Roadmap 2030' for elevating relations towards 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership'
B) UK has allocated 1 Billion British Pound Sterling for cooperation with India in Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation
C) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited will establish packaging, installation, marketing and services support for Rolls-Royce
1) Only B & C
2) Only A & C
3) All A, B & C
4) Only A
5) Only A & B
Answer- **2) Only A & C**
Explanation:
The India-UK Virtual Summit 2021 between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi & Prime Minister of United Kingdom Boris Johnson took place on 4th May 2021.
i.India & UK have adopted **'Roadmap 2030'** for elevating relations between the two countries to 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership'.
ii.UK finalised **new deals/trade worth 1 Billion British Pound Sterling (GBP)** to create 6,500 jobs in the UK.
iii. An MoU on India-UK Migration and Mobility Partnership (MMP) was signed to provide employment opportunities in the UK for 2-years for upto 3000 Indian professionals.
iv. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signed an MoU with Rolls-Royce to establish packaging, installation, marketing and services support for Rolls-Royce MT30 Marine engines in India.

2. In May 2021, India's Department of Economic Affairs & _____ jointly organised a virtual seminar on "Social Infrastructure Financing and the use of Digital Technologies" to enhance economic & financial cooperation among _____ members.
1) New Development Bank, ASEAN
2) Asian Development Bank, BIMSTEC
3) New Development Bank, BRICS
4) Asian Development Bank, ASEAN
5) Asian Development Bank, BRICS
Answer- **3) New Development Bank, BRICS**
Explanation:
In May 2021, the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance and the New Development Bank jointly organized a virtual seminar on Social Infrastructure Financing and the use of Digital Technologies, as a part of the Economic and Financial Cooperation Agenda under the Indian BRICS Chairship 2021.

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3. In May 2021, the 2-day long "Goa Maritime Symposium (GMS)-21" was held virtually. Which organisation hosted GMS-21?
1) National Institute of Oceanography
2) Indian Coast Guard
3) National Institute of Ocean Technology
4) Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute
5) Indian Navy
Answer- **5) Indian Navy**
Explanation:
Indian Navy hosted '**GOA MARITIME SYMPOSIUM(GMS)-21**' virtually for 2 days, for the 1st time GMS-21 was held virtually.
Theme of GMS-21 - **"Maritime Security and Emerging Non-Traditional Threats: A Case for Proactive Role for IOR Navies"**

4. Who led Indian delegates in the 4th India-Swiss Financial Dialogue that was virtually conducted in May 2021?
1) Shaktikanta Das
2) Ajay Seth
3) T V Somanathan
4) Debasish Panda
5) Nirmala Sitharaman
Answer- **2) Ajay Seth**
Explanation:
The **4th India-Swiss Financial Dialogue** was organised in a virtual manner from New Delhi and was attended by top level financial delegates of the two nations. Indian delegation was led by the Economic Affairs Secretary **Ajay Seth**.

5. _____ virtually represented India in the Summit on Financing of African Economies 2021 that was hosted by _____.
1) V Muraleedharan, South Africa
2) Nirmala Sitharaman, France
3) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, South Africa
4) V Muraleedharan, France
5) Nirmala Sitharaman, Egypt
Answer- **4) V Muraleedharan, France**
Explanation:
Minister of State for External Affairs **V Muraleedharan** virtually represented India at the Summit on Financing of African Economies 2021 held at Paris, France on May 18, 2021. The event was held in a hybrid format (mix of in-person meetings & Video conferences) and was hosted by **France**.
i.He highlighted India's Covid-19 initiatives like **"Vaccine Maitri"**.

6. What are the points that are correctly related to the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development that was held in May 2021?
A) The Conference was held in virtual format from Berlin, Germany
B) Google India launched an initiative called 'School of Hope and Empowerment (S.H.E)' under its CSR projects

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C) A new target was set to make environmental education a core curriculum component of all countries by 2025

1) Only A & C
2) Only A
3) Only B & C
4) Only C
5) Only A & B

Answer- **1) Only A & C**

Explanation:

During the 2021 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development held virtually from **Berlin (Germany)** between May 17-19, 2021, **Tata Communications** launched their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project – **'School of Hope and Empowerment (S.H.E)'** for empowering Indian women.

UNESCO has set a new target to make **environmental education** a core curriculum component in all countries by **2025**.

About UNESCO:

Director-General – Audrey Azoulay

Headquarters – Paris, France

COMMITTEE AND MEETING

1. In April 2021, Chairperson of FSSAI virtually inaugurated the 5th Session of Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH).

Identify the points that are correctly related to CCSCH:

A) Singapore is the host country of CCSCH

B) CCSCH recommended quality standards for 4 spices; cloves, oregano, basil, & ginger

C) CCSCH is a committee under Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), an organisation set-up by UN FAO & WHO

1) All A, B & C
2) Only C
3) Only B & C
4) Only A & C
5) Only A & B

Answer- **3) Only B & C**

Explanation:

The 5th Session of Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) was held virtually from April 20-29, 2021. It was inaugurated by Rita Teaotia, Chairperson of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

i.Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) was set up in 1963 by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) & WHO for protecting the health of consumers and ensuring fair practices in food trade.

ii.CCSCH is the youngest of CAC.

iii. India is the host country of CCSCH & Spice Board of India is responsible for organising sessions.

iv.CCSCH recommended quality standards for 4 spices; cloves, oregano, basil, & ginger.

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2. In April 2021, Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad participated in the G-7 Digital and Technology Ministerial Meeting which was held virtually. What is the theme of the meeting?

1) Realizing Opportunities of the 21st Century For All
2) Preparing for pandemics
3) Combating Inequality
4) Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth
5) Building Back Better

Answer- **5) Building Back Better**

Explanation:

Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister of Electronics & Information Technology represented India at the G-7 Digital and Technology Ministerial Meeting (Group of 7), which was held virtually on April 28, 2021. India attended the event as a Guest.

- Theme of the meeting – 'Building Back Better'.
- G-7 was formed in 1975 with the U.S., U.K., France, Germany, Italy, Canada, and Japan. European Union (EU) is a permanent invitee to the meetings of G7.

3. Where was the 2021 G20 Tourism Ministers' Meeting held which saw the virtual participation of Indian Tourism Minister Prahlad Singh Patel?

1) Germany
2) Mexico
3) Italy
4) France
5) Indonesia

Answer- **3) Italy**

Explanation:

On 4th May 2021, Union Minister of State for Tourism & Culture (I/c) Prahlad Singh Patel virtually participated in the 2021 G20 Tourism Ministers' Meeting held in **Italy**.

About G20:

Establishment - 1999
2021 Presidency - Italy

4. External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar participated in the G7 Foreign & Development Ministers Meeting in May 2021.
What are the points that are correctly related with respect to the recent visit?
A) India a member of G7 participated in the meeting at London, UK
B) India-Japan-Australia conducted the 1st Trilateral Ministerial Dialogue virtually
C) India & UK signed the 'Migration and Mobility Partnership (MMP)' agreement allowing professionals to work & live in each other's country for 2 years

1) Only A & B
2) Only B & C
3) Only A
4) Only B
5) Only C

Answer- **5) Only C**

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Explanation:
India's External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar visited **London**, United Kingdom (UK) from May 3-6, 2021 to participate in the G7 Foreign & Development Ministers Meeting. India is a Guest country to the meeting.
i.G7 Countries - Britain, United States, Canada, France, Germany, Italy & Japan.
ii.India-France-Australia conducted the 1st Trilateral Ministerial Dialogue virtually.
iii. India & UK signed the '**Migration and Mobility Partnership (MMP)**' agreement, which includes a Special Young Professionals scheme allowing young Indian & British professionals to work & live in each other's country for 2 years.

5. Union Minister Harsh Vardhan virtually participated in the 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial (ASM3) 2021 in May 2021.
Which are the points that are correctly related to the India & Arctic Council?
A) ASM3 was conducted in Tokyo, Japan under the theme 'Knowledge for a Sustainable Arctic'
B) India & Russia have developed the earth observatory radar 'NISAR' for conducting research on Arctic Circle
C) India conducts research in the Arctic through its permanent research station called 'Himadri' in Russia
1) Only B & C
2) Only A
3) Only C
4) Only A & C
5) Only B
Answer- **2) Only A**
Explanation:
Union Minister for Earth Science Dr Harsh Vardhan virtually represented India in the 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial (ASM3) 2021 held in **Tokyo, Japan** from May 8-9, 2021, it was jointly organized by Iceland & Japan.
Theme for 2021 is **'Knowledge for a Sustainable Arctic'**.
i.India is also set to launch **'NISAR'** (NASA ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) in collaboration with the US.
ii. India has a permanent research station in the Arctic called **'Himadri'** in Spitsbergen, Svalbard, **Norway**.
Members: 8 – Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and the US.
About Arctic Council:
Chair (2019-21) – Iceland
Headquarters – Tromso, Norway

6. In May 2021, PM Narendra Modi virtually participated in the India-European Leaders (EU) Meeting 2021.
Identify the points that are correct with respect to the meeting.
A) 2021s European Union meeting held in Portugal, witnessed the participation of India for the 1st time with EU members
B) India-EU signed Connectivity Partnership Initiative focusing on Regional Connectivity in ASEAN countries
C) Union Minister Piyush Goyal virtually addressed the 'CII: EU-India Business Roundtable'
1) Only B & C

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2) Only A & B
3) All A, B & C
4) Only A & C
5) Only B
Answer- **4) Only A & C**
Explanation:
Indian Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi virtually participated in the India-European Union Leaders (EU) Meeting 2021 which was held in a hybrid format on 8th May 2021 in Porto, **Portugal**. It is the **1st time** that the EU has hosted a meeting with **India in the EU+27 format**.
i.India-EU signed Connectivity Partnership Initiative focusing on Regional Connectivity in **BIMSTEC** countries.
ii. European Investment Bank committed the 2nd tranche of 150 Million Euros (~ INR 1, 335 Crore) for the **Pune Metro Rail Project**.
iii. Union Minister for Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal virtually addressed the closing session of the 'CII: EU-India Business Roundtable'.

7. In May 2021, the 1st BRICS Employment Working Group (EWG) Meeting was held in virtual format.
What are the points that are correct with respect to the meeting?
A) India was the host country of the meeting
B) Along with BRICS countries, representatives from International Labour Organization (ILO) were present in the meeting
C) The key point of discussion was towards promoting Social Security Agreements (SSA) amongst BRICS Nations
1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only C
4) Only A & C
5) Only A & B
Answer- **1) All A, B & C**
Explanation:
The 1st BRICS Employment Working Group (EWG) Meeting in virtual format was held on 11th – 12th May 2021 in Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi. The Meeting was **hosted by India,** which assumed the BRICS Presidency in 2021.
i.Theme of BRICS 2021 - "BRICS@15: Intra BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation, and Consensus"
ii.Participants - BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa), International Labour Organization (ILO) and International Social Security Agency (ISSA)
iii.Key Discussions -

- Promoting Social Security Agreements (SSA) amongst BRICS Nations
- Formalization of labour markets
- Participation of women in the labour force
- Role of Gig and platform workers in the labour market

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8. _____ virtually hosted the 7th meeting of BRICS Astronomy Working Group (BAWG) in May 2021, which was coordinated by _____

1) Russia, Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences
2) India, Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences
3) Russia, Indian Institute of Astrophysics
4) Brazil, Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics
5) India, Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics

Answer- **5) India, Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics**

Explanation:

India virtually hosted the **7th meeting of BRICS Astronomy Working Group (BAWG)** meeting in online mode at Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (**IUCAA**), Pune (Maharashtra) during May 19-20, 2021.

i.IUCAA, Pune, and Department of Science and Technology (DST), coordinated the meeting.

ii. Participants recommended the **networking of existing Telescopes** of BRICS countries and creating a regional Data Network.

About BRICS:

Establishment – 2009

Members – Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa

2021 Chair – India

9. Who chaired the 33rd virtual meeting of Health Ministers of Commonwealth countries in May 2021?

1) Tedros Adhanom
2) Harsh Vardhan
3) Ashwini Kumar Choubey
4) Soumya Swaminathan
5) António Guterres

Answer- **2) Harsh Vardhan**

Explanation:

The **33rd virtual meeting of Health Ministers of Commonwealth countries** was chaired by India's Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, **Harsh Vardhan**.

Theme - "Commonwealth Response to COVID-19: Ensuring Equitable Access to Vaccines and Building Resilience for Health Systems and Emergencies".

About MoHFW:

Union Minister – Dr Harsh Vardhan (Constituency: Chandni Chowk, Delhi)

Minister of State – Ashwini Kumar Choubey (Constituency: Buxar, Bihar)

10. Who represented India in the 3rd Foreign Office Consultations between India & New Zealand that took place virtually in May 2021?

1) S. Jaishankar
2) Riva Ganguly Das
3) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
4) Vijay Keshav Gokhale
5) Ajit Doval

Answer- **2) Riva Ganguly Das**

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Explanation:
The 3rd Foreign Office Consultations between India & New Zealand took place virtually on 25th May, 2021. **Riva Ganguly Das**, Secretary (East) led the Indian side, while **Mark Sinclair,** Deputy Secretary, Americas and Asia Group, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade led the New Zealand side.
About New Zealand:
Prime Minister – Jacinda Ardern
Capital – Wellington

11. _____ virtually organised the 4th BRICS Working Group Meeting (in May'21), where Indian side was represented by _____.
1) Russia, Harsh Vardhan Shringla
2) China, Sanjeev Kumar Varshney
3) Brazil, Harsh Vardhan Shringla
4) China, Harsh Vardhan Shringla
5) Russia, Sanjeev Kumar Varshney
Answer- **2) China, Sanjeev Kumar Varshney**
Explanation:
The **4th BRICS** (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) **Working Group Meeting 2021** took place virtually from May 25-26, 2021. It was sponsored by the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), **China** and organized by the China National Center for Biotechnology Development. Indian side was led by **Dr Sanjeev Kumar Varshney.**

12. In May 2021, the Ministry of Home Affairs appointed a 5-member Committee for Reforms in Criminal Laws.
What are the points that are correctly related to the Reforms committee?
A) The 5-member reforms committee is headed by M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor of JNU
B) The committee will review IPC, with respect to Hate Speech as recommended by T K Viswanathan Committee
C) At present, under IPC hate speech is punishable up to 2-years of jail along with a ₹5,000 fine
1) Only B
2) Only A & C
3) Only C
4) Only B & C
5) Only A & B
Answer- **1) Only B**
Explanation:
The 5-member Committee for **Reforms in Criminal Laws** headed by Vice Chancellor of National Law University (NLU), Delhi (Currently – **Srikrishna Deva Rao**). The Committee was appointed by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to reform Indian Penal Code (IPC), and will review the proposal for a separate Section in IPC on 'Offences relating to speech and expression'.
i.T K Viswanathan Committee recommended the Law Commission to prepare a distinct law for online 'hate speech'.
ii. At present there is **no definition** of what is '**Hate Speech**' in IPC, The Committee for Reforms in Criminal Laws is attempting for the 1st time to define it.
iii. While IPC has rules to punish up to 2-years in jail along with a ₹5,000 fine for discrimination based on religion, race, caste, sexual orientation, place of birth, language, disability or tribe.

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1. 'Global EV Outlook 2021' reports Indian Electric Vehicles (EV) sales will be 30% of the total vehicles sales by 2030.
Identify the points that are correctly related to the report & Indian EV targets:
A) 'Global EV Outlook 2021' is an annual report released by International Energy Agency (IEA)
B) In 2020, China became the World's Largest EV market
C) India launched FAME scheme in 2015 under the National Highways Authority of India to boost EV manufacturing
1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only C
4) Only A & C
5) Only A
Answer- **5) Only A**
Explanation:
'Global EV Outlook 2021' – the recently released Annual Report of International Energy Agency (IEA) has stated that the sale of Electric Vehicles (EVs) will be more than 30% in new vehicle sales in India by 2030.
i.In 2020, Europe emerged as the World's Largest EV market for the 1st time, overtaking China.
ii. The FAME Scheme was introduced by India in 2015 & implemented by the Department of Heavy Industry, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.
iii. India outlays Rs. 10,000 crores for FAME II (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid) and Electric Vehicles) scheme to achieve its targets by 2022

2. 'The Global Forests Goals Report 2021' a 1st of its kind report revealed that COVID-19 increased the challenges for Countries to manage forests.
Which of the following points are correctly related to the report & global forest stature?
A) 'The Global Forests Goals Report 2021' released by UN DESA
B) 2017's UN Strategic Plan for Forests targets to increase forest area by 3% by 2030
C) UNESCO's 'The World in 2030 – Public Survey Report' identified 'Climate change and loss of biodiversity' as the biggest challenges faced by Earth
1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only C
4) Only A & C
5) Only A
Answer- **1) All A, B & C**
Explanation:
According to 'The Global Forests Goals Report 2021' released by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), COVID-19 has increased the challenges for Countries to manage forests.
i.The UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-30 was adopted in 2017 targets to increase forest area by 3% by 2030.
ii.UNESCO released 'The World in 2030 – Public Survey Report'

- In which around 67% of the people chose 'Climate change and loss of biodiversity' as the biggest challenges faced by Earth.

3. In 2020, Online sales accounted for 19% of the overall global retail sales with _____ as the largest contributor as per the report released by _____ in May 2021.
1) India; World Trade Organization
2) South Korea; World Trade Organization
3) USA; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
4) India; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
5) South Korea; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
Answer- **5) South Korea; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**
Explanation:
UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) released the Report – 'Estimates of Global e-commerce 2019 and preliminary assessment of covid-19 impact on online retail 2020'.

- The report identified that Online Sales accounted for 19% (from 16% in 2019) of Overall Retail Sales in 2020. The increase in online sales has been due to the pandemic.
- South Korea with 25.9% of Online purchase holds the highest share of retail trade in 2020.

4. Global FDI dropped by 38% in 2020 as per the data released by _____, yet Indian managed to become the _____ largest recipient of FDI inflow in 2020.
1) Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development; 5th
2) World Trade Organization; 2nd
3) World Trade Organization; 5th
4) Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development; 3rd
5) World Trade Organization; 3rd
Answer- **4) Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development; 3rd**
Explanation:
According to a new set of data released by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (**OECD**), the global FDI (Foreign Direct Investments) dropped by 38% in 2020 (compared to 2019) to USD 846 Billion, which is a **15-year low** (lowest since 2005). India became the **3rd Largest Recipient of FDI** inflows in 2020 with an inflow of USD 64 Billion.
About OECD:
Secretary General – Angel Gurria
Headquarters – Paris, France

5. In May 2021, the annual report 'Global Report on Food Crises 2021 (GRFC)' was released. Identify the points that are correct with respect to the report:
A) GFRC report was released by the World Food Programme (WFP)
B) Around 60-80% of the population in food crises belong to nations that depends on Agricultural economy
C) In 2016, Global Network against Food Crises (GNFC) was setup by European Union, WFP & Food & Agriculture Organization to limit food crisis
1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only C
4) Only A & C

5) Only A

Answer- **2) Only B & C**

Explanation:

According to the '**Global Report on Food Crises 2021 (GRFC)**' launched by Global Network Against Food Crises (**GNAFC**), At least 155 million people faced Acute Food Insecurity in 2020 due to conflicts, extreme weather & economic shocks caused by COVID-19.

i.Countries with 60-80% of the 155 million people facing acute food shortage **depend on Agriculture.**

ii. To limit the Food crisis, the European Union(**EU**), Food & Agriculture Organization (**FAO**) of the UN & World Food Programme (**WFP**) launched an Initiative called "**Global Network against Food Crises (GNFC)**" during the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit (WHS).

6. '2021 Global Methane Assessment: Benefits and Costs of Mitigating Methane Emissions' report states Human human-caused methane emissions can be reduced by 45% by 2030.

Identify the points that are correct with respect to the report:

A) Report was released by Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) & United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

B) Increased Agricultural activities can reduce Methane emission

C) CCAC was established in 2012, While India became a member in 2019

1) Only B & C

2) All A, B & C

3) Only A

4) Only A & B

5) Only A & C

Answer- **5) Only A & C**

Explanation:

'2021 Global Methane Assessment: Benefits and Costs of Mitigating Methane Emissions' report released by Climate and Clean Air Coalition (**CCAC**) & United Nations Environment Programme (**UNEP**) states that human-caused methane emissions can be reduced by 45% in this decade (2020-30), these reductions would avoid 0.3°C of Global Warming by 2045.

i.The majority of human-caused methane emissions come from 3 sectors – fossil fuels (35%), landfills and waste (20%), and **Agriculture (40%)**.

ii.CCAC was established in 2012 to protect the climate and improve air quality. India joined CCAC in 2019.

7. In May 2021, the 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat' report was released.

Pick the points that are correct with respect to the report & India's Digitization Mission:

A) The report was prepared by CDAC in partnership with MasterCard

B) The report suggests creation of 'phygital' model (physical+digital) in Agriculture NBFC sector

C) India is ranked 49th in the 'Inclusive Internet Index 2021' released by Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) in partnership with Facebook

1) Only C

2) Only B & C

3) Only A & C

4) Only A

5) Only A & B

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Answer- **2) Only B & C**

Explanation:

NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) **& Mastercard** released a report titled 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat'.

i.Enabling **Agricultural NBFCs** to access low-cost capital and deploy a **'phygital' model (physical+digital)** to achieve better long-term digital outcomes.

ii. India was ranked **49th** out of 120 countries in the **'Inclusive Internet Index 2021'** released by Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) in partnership with Facebook.

8. The 'Renewable Energy Market Update – Outlook for 2021 and 2022' report stated that India's addition of Renewable Energy Capacity declined by 50% in 2020.

What are the points that are correct with respect to the report?

A) The report was released by International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

B) Of the Global Renewable Energy Capacity of 280 GW, India accounts for 5.62 GW of capacity

C) China accounts for 50% of the Global Renewable Energy capacity added in 2020

1) Only A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only A
4) Only A & C
5) Only A & B

Answer- **2) Only B & C**

Explanation:

According to the new report '**Renewable Energy Market Update – Outlook for 2021 and 2022**' released by **International Energy Agency (IEA)**, India's Renewable Energy capacity addition declined by almost 50% to **5.62 GigaWatts (GW) in 2020** (compared to 2019).

i.At the end of 2020, the Global renewable energy capacity was almost **280 GW.**

iii. While **China** alone accounted for more than 50% of all the new renewable energy projects in 2020.

ii. The International Energy Agency (**IEA**) is headquartered at **Paris, France.**

9. The 1st edition of "Nature in a Globalised World: Conflict & Conservation" report released in May 2021, claimed that global armed conflict poses a high threat to 219 Endangered Species.

Which organisation released the report?

1) United Nations Environment Programme
2) World Wide Fund for Nature
3) International Union for Conservation of Nature
4) Wildlife Conservation Society
5) The Nature Conservancy

Answer- **3) International Union for Conservation of Nature**

Explanation:

According to the report **'Nature in a Globalised World: Conflict & Conservation'** released by **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** – Civil unrest and military exercises pose high risk to 219 Endangered Species.

The report is the 1st edition released by IUCN.

About IUCN:

President – Zhang Xinsheng

Headquarters – Gland, Switzerland

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10. India's remittance inflow dropped by 0.2% in 2020 from 2019 as per the "Resilience COVID-19 Crisis Through a Migration Lens" report.
Identify the points that are correct with respect to the findings of the report:
A) The report was released by World Trade Organisation
B) China topped in the remittance inflow in 2020 among the countries with Low & Middle income
C) India's remittance decline was due to 17% outflow drop from UAE
1) Only C
2) Only B & C
3) All A, B & C
4) Only A & B
5) Only B
Answer- **1) Only C**
Explanation:
According to **Resilience COVID-19 Crisis Through a Migration Lens** report released by the **World Bank**, **India** received USD 83 Billion as Remittances in 2020, a drop of just 0.2% from 2019 (USD 83.3 Billion in 2019). It **topped the list of Low- and Middle-Income Countries** with maximum Remittance Inflows, India was followed by China (USD 59.5 Billion), Mexico (USD 42.8 Billion).
i.India's decline was due to a **17% drop** in remittance from the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**).

11. India accounted for 43 of the World's 100 most environmentally riskiest cities as per the 'Environmental Risk Outlook 2021' released by Verisk Maplecroft.
Select the points that are correctly mentioned with respect to the report:
A) Delhi topped the list of environmentally risky cities, followed by Chennai
B) Main threat to the health of India's urban population is Air pollution
C) Glasgow, Scotland is the only non-Asian city in the top 100, while Lima, Peru is the safest city in the world
1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only C
4) Only A & B
5) Only B
Answer- **5) Only B**
Explanation:
According to the **'Environmental Risk Outlook 2021'** released by Verisk Maplecroft, **India has 43 of the World's 100** most environmentally riskiest cities. **Jakarta** in Indonesia was ranked as the riskiest city in the world, followed by Delhi & Chennai (Tamil Nadu).

- **99** of the World's 100 riskiest cities are in **Asia** (43 in India and 37 in China).
- **Lima, Peru** is the **only non-Asian city** to be listed in the World's 100 Riskiest cities.
- **Glasgow, Scotland** was ranked as the **safety city** in the report.

i.According to the report, the main threat to the health of India's urban population is **Air pollution**.

12. As per the 'Over 100 Years of Snow Leopard Research' report, over 70% of the habitat of the snow leopard remains under-researched in Asia.
Identify the points that are correctly related to the given data:
A) The report was released by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
B) Snow Leopards were found in all the 48 countries of Asia

C) India's 1st Snow Leopard Conservation Centre was established in Uttarakhand

1) Only B
2) All A, B & C
3) Only C
4) Only A & C
5) Only B & C

Answer- **3) Only C**

Explanation:

According to the report **'Over 100 Years of Snow Leopard Research'** released by World Wide Fund for Nature (**WWF**), more than 70% of the habitat of the snow leopard (Panthera uncia) over 12 Asian countries remain under-researched.

i. The **12 Asian Countries** which have **snow leopard populations** are China, Bhutan, Nepal, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia and Mongolia.

ii. In August 2020, **Uttarakhand** Government announced to set **India's 1st snow leopard conservation centre**.

13. Which organisation released the "Net Zero by 2050" report that frames a Road map to achieve Net Zero Global Carbon emissions by 2050?

1) International Energy Forum (IEF)
2) International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
3) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
4) International Solar Alliance (ISA)
5) International Energy Agency (IEA)

Answer- **5) International Energy Agency (IEA)**

Explanation:

According to the report '**Net Zero by 2050'** released by the **International Energy Agency (IEA)** – Halting new oil, gas, and coalfields will be key to achieving Net Zero Global Carbon emissions by 2050.

Road map to achieve net-zero global carbon emissions:

- No new coal-fired power stations must be built
- Increasing the share of Electric Vehicles to 60% by 2030

About IEA:

Executive Director – Dr Fatih Birol
Headquarters – Paris, France

14. _____ released the Global Trade Update (May 2021) that stated India performed better in Imports & Exports in the 1st Quarter of 2021, while global trade is expected to grow by _____ in 2021.

1) World Trade Organization, 24%
2) World Trade Organization, 8%
3) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 16%
4) Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, 8%
5) Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, 24%

Answer- **3) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 16%**

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Explanation:
According to the **Global Trade Update (May 2021)** released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (**UNCTAD**) – India, China, and South Africa performed 'relatively better' than other major economies in imports & exports during the 1st Quarter of 2021.
i.The overall forecast for 2021 indicates a **16%** growth in Global Trade
ii. Global economy shrank by **4.3%** in **2020**
iii.UNCTAD is Headquartered at **Geneva, Switzerland**

15. India ranked _____ in the Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) released by Ernst & Young Global (in May'21) with an addition of ____ Solar energy capacity in 2020.
1) 4th, 72 GW
2) 4th, 39 GW
3) 3rd, 39 GW
4) 2nd, 72 GW
5) 3rd, 72 GW
Answer- **3) 3rd, 39 GW**
Explanation:
India with a score of 66.2 has been **ranked 3rd** out of 40 countries in the 57th **Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI)** – May 2021 – released by Ernst & Young Global Ltd (EY). The United States (US) topped the index, while China took the 2nd Rank.
i.Installed Solar PV capacity has increased to **39 GigaWatts (GW) in 2020**.
ii. India was ranked **87th** in the Global Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2021 released by **WEF**.

16. As per the '2021 Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID)' report, globally _____ Internal displacement of people happened in 2020, with highest recorded from _____.
1) 55 Million, China
2) 45 Million, India
3) 55 Million, India
4) 45 Million, Myanmar
5) 55 Million, Myanmar
Answer- **1) 55 Million, China**
Explanation:
According to **'2021 Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID): Internal displacement in a changing climate'** released by Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (**IDMC**), globally the number of people living in Internal displacement reached **55 Million** at the end of 2020.
i.Around **5 million new displacements** were recorded in 2020, which is the **highest in 10 years.**
ii.Highest number of internally displaced people in 2020 was in **China** (5 Million)

17. Which Indian city was ranked highest position in the "Prime Global Cities Index Q1 2021" report released by The Knight Frank?
1) Mumbai
2) Delhi
3) Ahmedabad
4) Bangalore
5) Hyderabad
Answer- **2) Delhi**

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Explanation:
The Knight Frank, London based International Property Consultant has released the **Prime Global Cities Index Q1 2021**, a valuation based on the prime residential prices in the local currency across more than 45 cities across the globe.
i.Indian Cities Rank (Q1-2021) - Delhi (32nd), Mumbai (36th), Bangalore (40th).

18. Income of 230 million people fellow below the National Minimum Wage Threshold of _____ during the pandemic, as per the findings of 'State of Working India 2021: One Year of COVID-19' report released by _____.
1) Rs. 375/day, Azim Premji University
2) Rs. 245/day, Aligarh Muslim University
3) Rs. 175/day, Azim Premji University
4) Rs. 245/day, Azim Premji University
5) Rs. 375/day, Aligarh Muslim University
Answer- **1) Rs. 375/day, Azim Premji University**
Explanation:
According to **'State of Working India 2021: One Year of COVID-19'** released by **Azim Premji University**'s Centre for Sustainable Employment (CSE) in Bengaluru, Karnataka, the monthly earnings of workers fell on an average by 17% due to COVID-19, self-employed and informal salaried workers faced the highest loss of earnings.
i.Income of 230 million people fell below the **national minimum wage threshold of INR 375 per day** during the pandemic.

19. Which organisation(s) conducted a 1st of its kind study (in May'21) that revealed loss of life and health ailments caused due to long working hours?
1) World Health Organisation
2) International Labour Organisation
3) United Nations
4) Only 1 & 2
5) All 1, 2 & 3
Answer- **4) Only 1 & 2**
Explanation:
According to a new study conducted by the **World Health Organization (WHO)** and the **International Labour Organization (ILO)**, Long working hours are putting more people at risk of work-related disability and early death due to Stroke & Ischemic Heart Disease. The study is the 1st of its kind on loss of life and health associated with working long hours.
i.Both WHO & ILO are headquartered at **Geneva, Switzerland**

20. Annual average Global temperature is set to reach _____ above pre industrial levels in one of the years between 2021-25, as per the Annual Climate Update released by World Meteorological Organization and _____ Met Office.
1) 2° C, France
2) 1.5° C, United Kingdom
3) 2° C, United Kingdom
4) 1.5° C, Germany
5) 1.5° C, France

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Answer- **2) 1.5° C, United Kingdom**

Explanation:

According to the **Annual Climate Update** provided by the United Kingdom **(UK) Met Office** and World Meteorological Organization (**WMO**), there is a 40% possibility of the annual average global temperature temporarily reaching **1.5° C**(2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre industrial levels in one of the **next 5 years** (2021-25).

i.In the **2015 Paris Agreement**, global leaders committed to limit global warming to **1.5° C** and well below **2° C** by the end of the century.

ACQUISITION AND MERGERS

1. Which bank recently (in May'21) acquired Rs.10 Crore worth stake in India INX & India ICC in GIFT City?

1) DCB Bank
2) HDFC Bank
3) ICICI Bank
4) DBS Bank
5) RBL Bank

Answer- **1) DCB Bank**

Explanation:

DCB Bank has acquired Rs.10 Crore worth stake in India International Exchange Ltd (India INX), India International Clearing Corporation Ltd (India ICC) leading companies in GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City), International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).

2. In May 2021, Motilal Oswal Private Equity (MOPE) acquired minority shares worth $25 million in which Small Finance Bank (SFB)?

1) Utkarsh SFB
2) Capital SFB
3) Jana SFB
4) Fincare SFB
5) AU SFB

Answer- **4) Fincare SFB**

Explanation:

On May 03, 2021, Motilal Oswal Private Equity (MOPE) acquired a minority stake in Fincare Small Finance Bank (Fincare SFB) for $25 million (about ₹185 crores) through a secondary acquisition.

About Fincare SFB:

Establishment – 2017
Headquarters– Bengaluru, Karnataka
MD & CEO– Rajeev Yadav

3. In which Insurance company did Carlyle Groups sell 4% of stake worth Rs 3,900 crores in Open Market (in May'21)?

1) IndiaFirst Life Insurance
2) PNB MetLife India Insurance
3) Tata AIA Life Insurance
4) SBI Life Insurance

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5) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance
Answer- **4) SBI Life Insurance**
Explanation:
Carlyle Group, a private equity firm through its entity CA Emerald Investment, sold a 4% stake (amounting to 4.1 crore shares) in SBI Life Insurance for over Rs 3,900 crore through an open market transaction.
About SBI Life Insurance:
Establishment – October 2000
Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
Tagline – With us, You're sure

4. In May 2021, Competition Commission of India gave approval to Imola Acquisition Corporation for acquiring 100% shares of _____.
1) Ingram Micro
2) Tech Data
3) Synnex Corporation
4) CEVA Logistics
5) United Parcel Service
Answer- **1) Ingram Micro**
Explanation:
Imola Acquisition Corporation received approval from Competition Commission of India (CCI) to acquire 100% shareholding and sole control of **Ingram Micro Inc.** with its parent companies GCL Investment Management Inc., GCL Investment Holding Inc., and its direct and indirect subsidiaries.

5. Which country's Pension Plan Investment Board recently (in May'21) acquired 15.9% shares of the Chennai based IndInfravit Trust?
1) Finland
2) Norway
3) Canada
4) Belgium
5) Netherlands
Answer- **3) Canada**
Explanation:
The Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPP Investments) acquired an additional 15.9% of the total units in IndInfravit Trust, an infrastructure investment trust (InvIT), through 2 separate transactions, for Rs 1,005 crore
About IndInfravit Trust:
It is India's 1st private InvIT
Headquarters – Chennai, Tamil Nadu
CEO – Pawan Kant

6. Which company is under the process of acquiring 58.20% shares of Sri Lanka based- Ideal Finance Ltd?
1) Shriram City Union Finance
2) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services
3) Power Finance Corporation

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4) Bajaj Finserv
5) Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Company
Answer- **2) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services**
Explanation:
Due to COVID-19, Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services (MMFS) has extended the date of investment of the third and final tranche for the acquisition of shares of the total 58.20% shares in the Sri Lanka based- Ideal Finance Ltd (from its existing shareholders) to September 30, 2021.

7. In which bank did Bay Tree India Holdings sell 2% of its stakes (in May'21) through Open Market?
1) Axis Bank
2) Bank of Baroda
3) ICICI Bank
4) YES Bank
5) Union Bank of India
Answer- **4) YES Bank**
Explanation:
Bay Tree India Holdings, owned by Tilden Park has sold over 2% stake in YES Bank through open market transactions.
Note - SBI is the largest shareholder of YES Bank.

8. Which international company recently (in May'21) got approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for internal restructuring of the organisation to fast-track business procedures in India?
1) IBM
2) Google
3) Tesla
4) Microsoft
5) Amazon
Answer- **1) IBM**
Explanation:
The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the green channel notice filed by Kyndryl Holdings LLC and Grand Ocean Managed Infrastructure Services Private Limited in relation to the internal restructuring of International Business Machines Corporation (IBM Corporation).

9. Which company got approval (in May'21) from the Ministry of Power for acquiring 2% shares of Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Ltd.?
1) Power Grid Corporation of India
2) NHPC Limited
3) PTC India
4) NTPC Limited
5) JSW Energy
Answer- **2) NHPC Limited**
Explanation:
The Ministry of Power approved the State-run hydro power **NHPC Ltd** to acquire the 2% equity stake of **Chenab Valley Power Projects** Private Ltd. from PTC India.

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i.After the acquisition, **NHPC's share** in Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Ltd increased to **51%**.

About NHPC Ltd:

Headquarters – Faridabad, Haryana

10. Which company made an agreement (in May'21) to acquire IndiaBulls Mutual Fund & Asset Management Company for Rs. 175 crores?

1) Groww
2) Moneycontrol
3) HDFC Securities
4) Zerodha
5) Angel Broking

Answer- **1) Groww**

Explanation:

Groww, an online investment platform, operated by Nextbillion Technology Pvt. Ltd made an agreement with **Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd (IBHFL)** to acquire the mutual fund(MF) business of its subsidiaries Indiabulls Asset Management Company Ltd (**IAMCL**) and Trustee Company of IAMCL, for **Rs 175 crore**.

About Groww:

Headquarters – Bangalore, Karnataka

Co-founder & CEO – Lalit Keshre

11. Which company received the final approval from Competition Commission of India (CCI) to acquire Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. (DHFL)?

1) Oaktree Capital Management
2) Piramal Capital and Housing Finance
3) Adani Group
4) SC Lowy Financial
5) Brookfield Asset Management

Answer- **2) Piramal Capital and Housing Finance**

Explanation:

Piramal Capital and Housing Finance (**PCHF**), a subsidiary of Piramal Enterprises (PE), received approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) to acquire Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. (**DHFL**) with a total payment of around **Rs 35,000 crores.**

i.DHFL was the **1st finance company to be referred to NCLT** by the RBI

12. Which company got approval (in May'21) from CCI to acquire 100% shares of YES Asset Management Company?

1) Adani Group
2) GPL Finance and Investments
3) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company
4) Aditya Birla Group
5) Motilal Oswal Asset Management Company

Answer- **2) GPL Finance and Investments**

Explanation:

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of 100% equity shares of YES Asset Management Company (AMC) (India)(YES AMC) and YES Trustee Limited (YES Trustee) by **GPL**

Finance and Investments Limited(GPL). GPL will acquire **Yes Mutual Fund** and become its sole sponsor.
i.CCI approved the acquisition of the remaining 25% shareholding of Adani Krishnapatnam Port Limited(AKPL) by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited(APSEZL)

13. In which bank Indian govt. recently (in May'21) sold Rs. 4,000 crore worth shares that was held by the govt under SUUTI
1) Indian Overseas Bank
2) Punjab National Bank
3) HDFC Bank
4) Citibank
5) Axis Bank
Answer- **5) Axis Bank**
Explanation:
Indian govt sold 58 million shares in **Axis Bank**, which is held through the Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India (**SUUTI**) to raise around **Rs 4,000 crore**.

14. Which company (in May'21) acquired 100% shares of SB Energy Holdings Limited?
1) Adani Green Energy
2) Tata Power
3) Azure Power
4) Orient Green Power
5) JSW Energy
Answer- **1) Adani Green Energy**
Explanation:
Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL) agreed to acquire the 100% stake of SB Energy Holdings Limited at an enterprise valuation(EV) of ~ $3.5 billion, the largest acquisition in the renewable energy sector in India.

15. Which company acquired over 46% shares of Kotak Mahindra Pension Fund Limited(KMPFL) from Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company in May'21?
1) Tech Mahindra
2) IndusInd Bank
3) Persistent Systems
4) Kotak Mahindra Bank
5) ING Vysya Bank
Answer- **4) Kotak Mahindra Bank**
Explanation:
Kotak Mahindra Bank acquired around 46.7% equity of Kotak Mahindra Pension Fund Limited(KMPFL) from Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Limited(KMAMC).
About Kotak Mahindra Bank:
MD & CEO: Uday Kotak
Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
Tagline: Let's Make Money Simple, Ab Kona Kona Kotak

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16. Which organisation became the 100% shareholder of ONGC Mangalore Petrochemicals Ltd (OMPL) in May 2021?

1) Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd
2) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd
3) NTPC Ltd
4) Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd
5) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd

Answer- **1) Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd**

Explanation:

Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL) acquired the outstanding 0.00027776 percent equity holding of ONGC Mangalore Petrochemicals Ltd (OMPL) from Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC).

After this acquisition, **OMPL** became a wholly-owned (**100% share**) subsidiary of **MRPL.**

17. In which bank did Life Insurance Corporation of India acquire an additional 2% stake in May 2021?

1) Axis Bank
2) Oriental Bank of Commerce
3) Canara Bank
4) Union Bank of India
5) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer- **4) Union Bank of India**

Explanation:

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) acquired around a 2% stake in the state-run Union Bank of India(UBI) and hiked its stake hold in UBI to 5.06%.

18. Which organisation acquired 3.08% shares of HDFC Ltd in May 2021?

1) Hindustan Construction Company Ltd
2) Tata Motors Ltd
3) Adani Group
4) Reliance Infrastructure Ltd
5) L&T Infrastructure Development Projects Ltd

Answer- **4) Reliance Infrastructure Ltd**

Explanation:

Housing Development Finance Corporation (**HDFC**) Ltd, sold further 81,05,677 shares equivalent to 3.08 percent share capital of Reliance Infrastructure Limited (**RInfra**) for worth over Rs 43.91 crore.

19. Which organisation got approval (in May'21) from CCI for intra-group reorganisation between Motherson Sumi Systems Ltd (MSSL), Samvardhana Motherson International Ltd (SAMIL), and Sumitomo Wiring Systems Ltd (SWS)?

1) Kalyani Group
2) Hinduja Group
3) Balkrishna Industries
4) Wadia Group
5) Motherson Group

Answer- **5) Motherson Group**

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Explanation:
The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the intra-group reorganisation of the Motherson Group under the green channel route which was proposed by Motherson Sumi Systems Limited (MSSL), Samvardhana Motherson International Limited (SAMIL), and Sumitomo Wiring Systems Limited (SWS).

DEFENCE

1. _____ will provide 6 Poseidon-8I (P-8I) Patrol Aircraft to India for the use of _____.
1) USA, Indian Navy
2) France, Indian Army
3) Russia, Indian Navy
4) Russia, Indian Army
5) USA, Indian Air Force
Answer- **1) USA, Indian Navy**
Explanation:
The United States State Department has approved the proposed sale of 6 Poseidon-8I (P-8I) Patrol Aircraft and other equipment to India. The deal is estimated to cost USD 2.42 Billion (~ INR 18, 000 Crore).

- It is being procured by the Indian Government for use by the Indian Navy.

2. Which intergovernmental organisation conducts the Joint Multinational Military Exercise 'DEFENDER-Europe 21' in Albania?
1) European Organisation of Military Associations & Trade Unions
2) North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
3) Group of Twenty
4) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
5) Group of Seven
Answer- **2) North Atlantic Treaty Organisation**
Explanation:
The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) launched the Joint Multinational Military Exercise 'DEFENDER-Europe 21' in the port of Durres in Albania, the exercise began on April 26, 2021 and will go on till June 10, 2021.
It is the 1st such large-scale drills since World War-II in the Western Balkans region.

3. Advanced Light Helicopter Dhruv MK III of _____ successfully made its flight trials from _____ at Chennai coast in May 2021.
1) HAL, ICGS Sujay
2) DRDO, ICGS Sudarshini
3) DRDO, ICGS Samrat
4) HAL, ICGS Samrat
5) DRDO, ICGS Sujay
Answer- **1) HAL, ICGS Sujay**

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Explanation:
The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH), Dhruv MK III Maritime Variant (MR) 2.5t helicopter has successfully demonstrated its deck-operations capabilities and flight operation trials aboard an Indian Coast Guard ship (ICGS) Sujay at Chennai Coast, Tamil Nadu.

4. _____ represented Indian side in the Passage Exercise (PASSEX) conducted between Indian & _____ Navies in the Southern Arabian sea.
1) INS Sharda, Indonesian
2) INS Shivalik, Vietnamese
3) INS Shivalik, Indonesian
4) INS Kadmatt, Vietnamese
5) INS Sharda, Vietnamese
Answer- **1) INS Sharda, Indonesian**
Explanation:
Indian & Indonesian Navies conducted **Passage Exercise (PASSEX)** in the Southern **Arabian sea**. The main aim of the exercise was to improve interoperability and understanding between the Navy units of two countries.
From the Indian Navy, **INS Sharda**, an Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) with a Chetak helicopter participated in the exercise.
Chief of Naval Staff (CNS)– Admiral Karambir Singh

5. Indian Navy decommissioned its 1st Naval destroyer ship in May 2021 after its 41 years of service. Name the destroyer ship.
1) INS Kolkata
2) INS Delhi
3) INS Rajput
4) INS Vikrant
5) INS Arihant
Answer- **3) INS Rajput**
Explanation:
Indian Navy's 1st destroyer INS Rajput was decommissioned at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh after 41 years of service (commissioned on May 4, 1980).
Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) – Admiral Karambir Singh

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. ICAR-New Delhi developed a high yielding, pest resistant variety of _____ named MACS 1407.
1) Mustard
2) Barley
3) Wheat
4) Soyabean
5) Jowar
Answer- **4) Soyabean**

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Explanation:
High-yielding and pest-resistant variety of soybean named MACS 1407 has been developed by Indian Scientists by the method of conventional cross breeding. It was developed in ICAR, New Delhi

- Soyabean is a crop grown in the Kharif Season (June to October).
- Soyabean are grown in Loamy Soil with 60-65 cm annual rainfall

2. Name the rover that produced Oxygen from Mars using an instrument called 'MOXIE'.
1) Curiosity
2) Pathfinder
3) Opportunity
4) Perseverance
5) Odyssey
Answer- **4) Perseverance**
Explanation:
NASA's (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Rover 'Perseverance' landed on Mars in February, 2021. It has produced Oxygen from Mars using an instrument called 'MOXIE' – Mars Oxygen In-Situ Resource Utilization Experiment. It is the 1st time that Oxygen is being produced on another planet.

3. Name the smallest black hole in the Milky Way Galaxy.
1) The Dragon
2) Mermaid
3) Little Phoenix
4) Lone Wolf
5) The Unicorn
Answer- **5) The Unicorn**
Explanation:
Scientists have discovered the smallest known black hole in the Milky Way Galaxy and the closest black hole to the solar system. This black hole has been nicknamed "the Unicorn".

4. In May 2021, World's Largest Aeroplane codenamed 'ROC' successfully completed its 2nd Test Flight. Which company built the Aeroplane?
1) Stratolaunch
2) Boeing
3) XCOR Aerospace
4) SpaceX
5) Virgin Galactic
Answer- **1) Stratolaunch**
Explanation:
The World's Largest Aeroplane codenamed 'ROC' successfully completed its 2nd Test Flight. The Aeroplane being built by Stratolaunch, an US based Aerospace Company was tested at Mojave Air and Space Port in California, US.

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5. Which organisation brought back 4-astronauts from the International Space Station (ISS) to earth in May 2021?
1) NASA
2) SpaceX
3) Roscosmos
4) JAXA
5) ISRO
Answer- **2) SpaceX**
Explanation:
On May 02,2021, a SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule, Resilience carrying 4 astronauts returned from the International Space Station (ISS) and splashdown into the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Panama City, Florida, USA after a six-and-a-half-hour flight.

6. Where did Patania II, a sub-sea vehicle developed by Global Sea Mineral Resources (GSR) recently (in May'21) get malfunctioned?
1) Indian Ocean
2) Bay of Bengal
3) Atlantic Ocean
4) Arctic Ocean
5) Pacific Ocean
Answer- **5) Pacific Ocean**
Explanation:
Global Sea Mineral Resources (GSR)'s Patania II, a deep-sea mining prototype robot, was stranded on the Pacific Ocean floor following a malfunction during a deep-sea mining trial. During the final dive in the GSR area, a lifting point separated and the robot was stranded on the seafloor.

7. Which organisation (in May'21) launched 60 Starlink Internet satellites as a part of 'Starlink Project' aimed at creating the World's largest Satellite Internet Constellation?
1) NASA
2) Intelsat
3) OneWeb
4) JAXA
5) SpaceX
Answer- **5) SpaceX**
Explanation:
On May 4, 2021, SpaceX launched another batch of 60 Starlink Internet satellites into Orbit from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, USA. The satellites were launched aboard the Falcon 9 Rocket.
i.It is a part of SpaceX's Starlink Project, for creating the World's largest Satellite Internet Constellation.

8. Which country developed the lightest form of Uranium isotope called Uranium-214?
1) Israel
2) Iran
3) USA
4) China
5) India
Answer- **4) China**

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Explanation:
Scientists have created the new uranium isotope called Uranium-214, the lightest form of Uranium, at the Heavy Ion Research Facility in Lanzhou, China.

9. Which country successfully placed the 'Yaogan-34' Optical remote sensing satellite in the Low Earth Orbit in May 2021?
1) Japan
2) China
3) Taiwan
4) South Korea
5) Indonesia
Answer- **2) China**
Explanation:
China successfully launched Yaogan-34, an Optical remote sensing satellite by the Long March 4C rocket which took off from the Jiuquan launch base in the Gobi Desert of northwestern China.
i.The satellites will be used for the survey of land resources, urban planning & Disaster management.

10. Which space organisation (in May'21) successfully completed its maiden trails of high-altitude ascent & landing of Starship Prototype Rocket?
1) SpaceX
2) NASA
3) ISRO
4) JAXA
5) Roscosmos
Answer- **1) SpaceX**
Explanation:
SpaceX successfully completed the high-altitude ascent & landing of Starship Rocket Prototype 'SN15' for the 1st time.
The Starship rocket is SpaceX's next-generation reusable launch vehicle, it aims to make human space travel more affordable and routine.

11. NASA's Spacecraft Parker Solar Probe discovered that _____ planet produces natural radio signals & it has an Ionosphere layer.
1) Mars
2) Jupiter
3) Saturn
4) Mercury
5) Venus
Answer- **5) Venus**
Explanation:
The NASA Spacecraft Parker Solar Probe has discovered a natural radio signal from **Venus**.
According to the findings of Parker Solar Probe, just like the earth, planet Venus also has an electrically charged layer of gas in its upper atmosphere called the Ionosphere.

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12. Which Indian institution developed India's 1st vaccine for Viral Nervous Necrosis (VNN) disease that affects Fishes?

1) ICAR – Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture
2) ICAR – Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute
3) ICAR – Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture
4) ICAR – Central Avian Research Institute
5) ICAR – Central Institute of Fisheries Education

Answer- **1) ICAR – Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture**

Explanation:

Chennai-based ICAR - Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA) has developed India's 1st vaccine for the Viral Nervous Necrosis (VNN) disease, caused by the nervous necrosis virus (NNV), which affects various species of fish.

13. Which company developed the World's 1st 2 Nanometer chip technology?

1) Intel
2) Nvidia
3) Qualcomm
4) IBM
5) HP

Answer- **4) IBM**

Explanation:

International Business Machines(IBM) unveils the world's first 2 nanometer chip technology that promises to speed up access to the Internet, longer battery life and faster processing time in applications.

This technology can quadruple battery life of Mobile Phones.

14. Which organisation partnered with VINS Bioproducts & CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology for developing the Covid-19 vaccine "VINCOV-19"?

1) University of Delhi
2) Indian Institute of Science
3) DRDO
4) University of Hyderabad
5) National Institute of Virology

Answer- **4) University of Hyderabad**

Explanation:

The Drugs Controller General of India, gave approval to Hyderabad-based immunological company VINS Bioproducts to test its Covid-19 antibody product **VINCOV-19**.

i.This product is a collaborative effort of the University of Hyderabad (UoH), CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CSIR-CCMB) & VINS Bioproducts.

15. SpaceX is planning to launch a satellite to Moon by _____ which will be fully funded using _____ cryptocurrencies.

1) 2025, Libra
2) 2022, Dogecoin
3) 2025, Bitcoin
4) 2025, Dogecoin

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5) 2022, Libra
Answer- **2) 2022, Dogecoin**
Explanation:
SpaceX is set to launch the **'DOGE-1'** Satellite to the Moon in **2022**. It will accept the cryptocurrency 'Dogecoin' as full payment for the mission. It will be the 1st ever commercial lunar payload in history to be paid entirely with a Cryptocurrency.
Dogecoin is a cryptocurrency launched in **2013**.

16. _____ the World's 1st Artificial Intelligence (AI) Ship built by ProMare in collaboration with _____ has started navigation across the Atlantic Ocean in May 2021.
1) AIDAnova, Google
2) Mayflower 400, Google
3) Mayflower 400, IBM
4) AIDAnova, IBM
5) Mayflower 400, NVIDIA
Answer- **3) Mayflower 400, IBM**
Explanation:
World's First Artificial Intelligence(AI) Ship named "Mayflower 400" is set to Navigate Across the Atlantic Ocean. It is an Unmanned Vessel & was built by the marine research organization ProMare in collaboration with IBM.

17. Which organisation developed the Artificial Intelligence based tool called "ATMAN AI" for detecting COVID-19 from chest X-rays?
1) ISRO
2) ICMR
3) CSIR
4) Bharat Electronics
5) DRDO
Answer- **5) DRDO**
Explanation:
DRDO's Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (CAIR) in association with 5C Network & HCG Academics has developed an Artificial Intelligence(AI) tool named ATMAN AI for COVID-19 detection from chest X-rays.

18. NASA's OSIRIS-REx spacecraft that collected rock samples from _____ Asteroid will return to earth by 2023.
1) Vesta
2) Ryugu
3) Apophis
4) Eros
5) Bennu
Answer- **5) Bennu**
Explanation:
NASA's Spacecraft Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security, Regolith Explorer (**OSIRIS-REx**), started its 2-year long journey towards earth with the samples- rocks and dust -collected from the **Asteroid Bennu**.

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i.The Spacecraft will orbit the sun twice before delivering the samples to the Earth in September **2023.**

19. NITI Aayog launched _____ portal for real-time monitoring of Foreign aids for COVID-19 received by India, while _____ is financially responsible for all consignments received.
1) GARUD, Indian Red Cross Society
2) CovAid, CARE India
3) CovAid, Indian Red Cross Society
4) GARUD, Greenpeace India
5) CoWIN, CARE India
Answer- **3) CovAid, Indian Red Cross Society**
Explanation:
NITI Aayog has set up the **CovAid portal**, a dedicated platform to monitor all the **COVID-19 aid** received by India from Foreign countries.
Indian Red Cross Society is financially responsible for all the consignments of donations from foreign countries which are received through the mission.

20. Which company signed an agreement with NASA (in May'21) for conducting 1st Private Astronaut Mission to the International Space Station?
1) OneWeb
2) Virgin Galactic
3) Boeing
4) Axiom Space
5) Blue Origin
Answer- **4) Axiom Space**
Explanation:
US Space Agency **NASA** (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has signed an agreement with **Axiom Space** to send the **1st private astronaut mission** to the International Space Station (ISS) by January **2022**. The mission has been designated as 'Axiom Mission 1 (Ax-1)'.
SpaceX's Crew Dragon Capsule will carry the crew to the ISS

21. Which company (in May'21) partnered with SpaceX to provide cloud services to SpaceX's Starlink satellites?
1) Microsoft
2) IBM
3) Facebook
4) Google
5) Amazon
Answer- **4) Google**
Explanation:
Google is set to partner with SpaceX to provide Cloud services to help deliver high speed internet through SpaceX's Starlink satellites.
As part of the partnership, SpaceX will install Starlink terminals (ground stations) at Google data centres across the world.

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22. Which country recently (in May'21) launched the remote sensing satellite called "Yaogan-30" into orbit?
1) Taiwan
2) South Korea
3) Japan
4) China
5) Indonesia
Answer- **4) China**
Explanation:
China successfully launched the **Yaogan-30** (08) remote sensing satellites into orbit using the Long March 2C rocket, lifted off from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center, China.
i.The debris from China's Long March-5B Y2 rocket, fell freely without any guidance, into the **Indian Ocean** near Maldives.

23. China became the 2nd country after the USA to land a rover on Mars, using its Tianwen 1 spacecraft. Name the Chinese Mars rover.
1) Zhurong
2) Yutu
3) Perseverance
4) Pragyan
5) Curiosity
Answer- **1) Zhurong**
Explanation:
Chinese Spacecraft **Tianwen 1** carrying the rover **Zhurong** successfully landed on Utopia Planitia region of Mars. This makes China only the second country after the US to send a rover to the surface of the Red Planet.

24. Which aerospace company announced to launch its 1st space Tourism flight in July 2021?
1) Boeing
2) SpaceX
3) Blue Origin
4) Virgin Galactic
5) Lockheed Martin
Answer- **3) Blue Origin**
Explanation:
Amazon founder Jeff Bezos's rocket company, Blue Origin, announced the first flight that aboard its New Shepard rocket, and crew capsule which is designed to carry up to 6 tourists per flight, beyond an invisible line, known as the Karman line, which separates Earth from space.

25. Which company is constructing 2-International Submarine cable system India-Asia-Xpress (IAX) and India-Europe-Xpress (IEX) with India as the centre of the system?
1) Tata Docomo
2) BSNL
3) Bharti Airtel
4) Vodafone
5) Reliance Jio

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Answer- **5) Reliance Jio**

Explanation:

Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd (Jio), a subsidiary of Jio Platforms Ltd is constructing the largest international submarine cable system with **India as the center** of the submarine cable system.

2 subsea cable systems – **India-Asia-Xpress (IAX)** connecting **India** to **Singapore**, and **India-Europe-Xpress (IEX)** connecting **India** to the **Middle East and Europe**.

26. _____ is developing an interplanetary spacecraft to Jupiter called _____

1) SpaceX, JUICE
2) NASA, JUNE
3) ESA, JUICE
4) JAXA, JUICE
5) Roscosmos, JUNE

Answer- **3) ESA, JUICE**

Explanation:

Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE), an interplanetary spacecraft being developed by European Space Agency (**ESA**) has entered into a crucial testing phase. It is being tested at ESA's European Space Research and Technology Centre (ESTEC) in the Netherlands.

27. DRDO released the 1st batch of India's Indigenous therapeutic drug "2-DG" in May 2021. Identify the points that are correctly related to the drug:

A) Anti-COVID-19 therapeutic drug '2-DG' stands for 2-Degenerative Glycogen
B) 2-DG was developed by DRDO in collaboration with Dr. Reddy's Laboratories
C) It will reduce the oxygen dependency of Moderate & Severe COVID-19 patients

1) Only B & C
2) Only A & B
3) All A, B & C
4) Only C
5) Only A & C

Answer- **1) Only B & C**

Explanation:

Union Minister for Defence Rajnath Singh released the 1st batch of Anti-COVID-19 therapeutic drug **'2-DG (2-deoxy-D-glucose)'**. It is the **1st indigenous therapeutic drug** developed by India to fight COVID-19.

i.It has been developed by DRDO in collaboration with **Dr. Reddy's Laboratories** (DRL), Hyderabad, Telangana.

ii. The clinical trials showed that it fastens the recovery process and **reduces oxygen dependency** by around 40% in **moderate to severe** COVID-19 patients.

28. Which country successfully launched the Ocean Observation Satellite 'Haiyang-2D (HY-2D)'?

1) Taiwan
2) Japan
3) China
4) Vietnam
5) Mongolia

Answer- **3) China**

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Explanation:
China launched **'Haiyang-2D (HY-2D)'** Ocean Observation Satellite into the Orbit. It was launched by a Long March-4B rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre, Gobi Desert, China.
Note - China's rover **'Zhurong'** landed in Mars in May, 2021

29. In May 2021, Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh qualified for the Tokyo Olympics. They represent India in which sport?
1) Water Polo
2) Sailing
3) Weightlifting
4) Rowing
5) Fencing
Answer- **4) Rowing**
Explanation:
Indian rowers **Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh** have qualified for the Tokyo Olympics 2020 in men's lightweight double sculls event after finishing second in the final race of the Asia/Oceania Continental Qualifying Regatta in Tokyo, Japan and will be the **only Indian rowers in Tokyo Olympics.**

30. Which organisation developed the world's largest and most powerful space science telescope, James Webb Space Telescope?
1) SpaceX
2) ESA
3) ISRO
4) NASA
5) Roscosmos
Answer- **4) NASA**
Explanation:
The **world's largest** and most powerful space science telescope, **James Webb Space Telescope**, developed by **NASA**, successfully Completed its Pre-Launch Test by opening its iconic primary mirror for the last time it is on earth.

31. Which country successfully launched the Space-Based Infrared System Geosynchronous Earth Orbit Flight 5 (SBIRS Geo-5) in May 2021?
1) China
2) Japan
3) USA
4) France
5) South Africa
Answer- **3) USA**
Explanation:
United Launch Alliance (ULA) launched the Space-Based Infrared System Geosynchronous Earth Orbit Flight 5 (**SBIRS Geo-5**) into orbit for the **United States Space Force (USSF)**. The satellite was launched aboard the Atlas V rocket from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida, USA.

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32. _____ successfully launched the first prototype of Mechanical Minefield Marking Equipment Mk-II (MMME Mk-II) for _____.

1) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, Indian Army
2) BEML Ltd, Indian Coast Guard
3) BEML Ltd, Central Reserve Police Force
4) BEML Ltd, Indian Army
5) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, Central Reserve Police Force

Answer- **4) BEML Ltd, Indian Army**

Explanation:

BEML Ltd launched the first prototype of Mechanical Minefield Marking Equipment Mk-II **(MMME Mk-II) for the Indian Army.**

About BEML:

Chairman & Managing Director – M.V. Rajasekhar
Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka

33. Which country developed its most powerful supercomputer "Simorgh"?

1) Singapore
2) Turkey
3) Indonesia
4) Taiwan
5) Iran

Answer- **5) Iran**

Explanation:

Iran has launched its most powerful supercomputer **Simorgh**, named after the mythical Phoenix-like bird Simorgh or Simurgh with a speed of **560 teraflops**.

A next-generation supercomputer "**Maryam**" – named after Iranian mathematician Maryam Mirzakhani, is also being developed in **Iran**.

About Iran:

Prime Minister– Mustafa al-Kadhemi
Capital– Tehran
Currency– Iranian Rial

34. Which organisation developed the Indigenous COVID-19 Antibody detection-based kit "DIPCOVAN"?

1) ISRO
2) CSIR
3) ICAR
4) ICMR
5) DRDO

Answer- **5) DRDO**

Explanation:

The Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS), a unit under the **DRDO** has developed **DIPCOVAN** (DIPAS-VDx COVID-19 lgG Antibody Microwell ELISA), an Indigenous **COVID-19 Antibody detection-based kit**.

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35. In May 2021, a huge block of iceberg broke away from the ice-shelf forming the world's largest iceberg, named as "A-76". Where is the ice-shelf located?

1) Arctic
2) Antarctica
3) Alaska
4) Siberia
5) Greenland

Answer- **2) Antarctica**

Explanation:

A huge iceberg named **A-76** has become the world's largest iceberg, which has broken off from western **Antarctica** into the Weddell Sea. It measures around **170 km long and 25 km wide**, with an area of 4,320 sq km.

36. Which organisation developed an Indigenous Isothermal Forging Technology for manufacturing critical aero engine components in India?

1) Indian Space Research Organisation
2) CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories
3) Defence Research and Development Organisation
4) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd
5) Bharat Dynamics

Answer- **3) Defence Research and Development Organisation**

Explanation:

Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory (**DMRL**), a lab of Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**) has developed an **Indigenous Isothermal Forging Technology** for manufacturing critical aero engine components like discs, shafts and blisks etc of Adour engine (which powers Jaguar Attack Aircraft) & Kaveri engine.

To meet bulk production requirements, DMRL had transferred the technology to **MIDHANI** (Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited), a Public Sector company.

37. Which organisation recently (in May'21) launched 60 Starlink Broadband Satellites into orbit as a part of Starlink program?

1) NASA
2) Blue Origin
3) Virgin Galactic
4) SpaceX
5) OneWeb

Answer- **4) SpaceX**

Explanation:

SpaceX launched 60 more Starlink Broadband Satellites into orbit. The satellites were launched on a Falcon 9 Rocket from Florida, USA.

i.Starlink program is a satellite internet constellation being constructed by SpaceX for providing Satellite Internet access.

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38. Which organisation is planning to launch its 1st Mobile Robot Rover to Moon, 'VIPER' in 2023?

1) NASA
2) SpaceX
3) Virgin Galactic
4) JAXA
5) CNSA

Answer- **1) NASA**

Explanation:

Recently, US space agency **NASA** has announced plans to send its **first mobile robot VIPER Rover** to the Moon in **2023**. Mobile robots will search for ice and other resources on and below the surface of the moon. **VIPER** stands for **Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover.**

39. MyLab Discovery Solutions launched India's first self-use Rapid Antigen Test Kit for Covid-19. Name the Rapid Antigen Test Kit.

1) MyLab HomeTest
2) MyLab SelfTest
3) MyLab CoviSelf
4) CoviTest 2.0
5) MyCoviLab 2.0

Answer- **3) MyLab CoviSelf**

Explanation:

The Pune-based company MyLab Discovery Solutions has developed India's first self-use Rapid Antigen Test Kit for Covid-19 called **MyLab CoviSelf**. It has been approved by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

40. Bellatrix Aerospace, an Indian Space Transportation start-up company successfully conducts Research on various space instruments.
Identify the points that are correctly related to Bellatrix Aerospace:
A) Bellatrix Aerospace is an IISc incubated startup established in 2015
B) India's 1st Privately Developed Hall-effect Thruster for microsatellites was developed by the company
C) It also developed the World's 1st commercial Microwave Plasma Thruster, which uses plant based Biofuel

1) Only A & B
2) Only B & C
3) Only C
4) Only A & C
5) All A, B & C

Answer- **1) Only A & B**

Explanation:

Bellatrix Aerospace, a Bengaluru based Space Transportation company has successfully tested **India's 1st Privately Developed Hall-effect Thruster,** a highly efficient electric propulsion system ideal for **microsatellites** weighing 50-500 Kg.
i.It also developed the **World's 1st commercial Microwave Plasma Thruster**, which uses **water** as fuel.

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ii. Bellatrix Aerospace is an **IISc** incubated startup established in **2015**.

41. In May 2021, International Astronomical Union (IAU) gave approval for ___ features in Moon to be named after _____ dignitaries

1) 8; USA
2) 5; China
3) 8; China
4) 12; USA
5) 5; USA

Answer- **3) 8; China**

Explanation:

In May 2021, International Astronomical Union (**IAU**)'s Working Group for Planetary System Nomenclature (**WGPSN**) gave approval for naming **8 features in the Moon with Chinese names** around the location where China's Chang'e-5 Spacecraft landed in December 2020.

i.Chang'e-5 brought back fresh Lunar samples to Earth, which was previously bought 40-years back by the USA's 1969 Apollo 11 Mission.

42. World's 1st global, satellite-based reef surveillance tool to monitor the coral bleaching issue was developed by researchers from which university?

1) Columbia University
2) Stanford University
3) Tsinghua University
4) The University of Tokyo
5) Arizona State University

Answer- **5) Arizona State University**

Explanation:

Scientists working with the Allen Coral Atlas, a research initiative developed by **Arizona State University** (**ASU**), the University of Queensland, the National Geographic Society, Planet, and Vulcan just launched the **World's first global, satellite-based reef surveillance tool** to monitor the coral bleaching issue.

43. Which Indian institute along with Australia's Monash University developed "FakeBuster" a unique software to detect face manipulations?

1) IISc Bangalore
2) IIT Madras
3) NIT Trichy
4) IIT Ropar
5) NIT Warangal

Answer- **4) IIT Ropar**

Explanation:

IIT Ropar, Punjab and **Monash University**, Australia have developed a unique detector called **'FakeBuster'** using DeepFake detection technology to detect imposters attending a virtual conference without anybody's knowledge.

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SPORTS

1. Who won the gold medal in 50m backstroke swimming with a National record timing at the Uzbekistan Open Championship?
1) Srihari Nataraj
2) Sajan Prakash
3) Kushagra Rawat
4) Virdhawal Khade
5) Advait Page
Answer- **1) Srihari Nataraj**
Explanation:
Indian swimmer Srihari Nataraj won his 2nd Gold in 50m backstroke swimming and made a national record in the Uzbekistan Open Championship. This was Srihari's third national record in the last 2 days as he had made a new record twice in 100m backstroke.

2. Which City will host the ASBC 2021 Asian Elite Men and Women Boxing Championships, as of May 2021?
1) New Delhi, India
2) Beijing, China
3) Dubai, UAE
4) Manila, Philippines
5) Jakarta, Indonesia
Answer- **3) Dubai, UAE**
Explanation:
Due to the International travel restrictions and rising COVID-19 cases in India, the Boxing Federation of India (BFI), in consultation with the Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC) decided to conduct the 2021 Asian Elite Men and Women Boxing Championships in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE), which was previously scheduled in Delhi.

3. Who won the Bronze medal in 52Kg Category Boxing at the 2021 St Petersburg Governor's Cup?
1) Amit Panghal
2) Vikas Krishan Yadav
3) Satish Kumar
4) Vijender Singh
5) Mohammed Ali Qamar
Answer- **1) Amit Panghal**
Explanation:
Indian Boxer Amit Panghal won the Bronze medal in the 52Kg Category at the 2021 St Petersburg Governor's Cup in St. Petersburg, Russia.

4. Which football team won the 2020-21 EFL Cup in England?
1) Liverpool
2) Arsenal
3) Manchester City

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4) Chelsea
5) Leicester City
Answer- **3) Manchester City**
Explanation:
Manchester City clinched a 4th consecutive 2020-21 EFL Cup or Carabao Cup Football title after beating Tottenham Hotspur at Wembley Stadium, England.

5. In May 2021, _____ driver Lewis Hamilton won the Portuguese Grand Prix 2021, while Ducati driver _____ won the 2021 Spanish Grand Prix.
1) Mercedes; Jack Miller
2) Ducati; Jack Miller
3) Red Bull; Francesco Bagnaia
4) Red Bull; Jack Miller
5) Mercedes; Francesco Bagnaia
Answer- **1) Mercedes; Jack Miller**
Explanation:
Mercedes' driver Lewis Hamilton (Britain) won the Portuguese Grand Prix 2021 of Formula One (F1) held at Algarve International Circuit in Portimao, Portugal. It is Hamilton's 97th Career Victory.

- Red Bull Racing Honda's Max Verstappen (Netherlands) finished 2nd followed by Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas (Finland).
- While, Australia's Jack Miller (Ducati) won the 2021 Spanish GP held at Circuito de Jerez, Andalusia, Spain.

6. Cricket all-rounder Thisara Perera retired from International Cricket in May 2021. Which country did he represent?
1) Pakistan
2) Bangladesh
3) Sri Lanka
4) India
5) Malaysia
Answer- **3) Sri Lanka**
Explanation:
Sri Lanka all-rounder and former limited overs captain for Sri Lanka – Thisara Perera announced his retirement from International Cricket at the age of 32.
He is one of the 3 players (other than Brett Lee & Lasith Malinga) to have taken hat-tricks in both ODI & T20I formats.

7. Who is the only Indian to qualify in Gymnastic for 2020 Tokyo Olympics?
1) Pranati Nayak
2) Dipa Karmakar
3) Sunita Sharma
4) Sham Lal
5) Kalpana Debnath
Answer- **1) Pranati Nayak**

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Explanation:
Pranati Nayak, 26-year-old Indian Gymnast from West Bengal, is set to compete at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. She has won the bronze in vault at the Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championship 2019. She has qualified through the Asian quota.

8. ICC banned former cricketer & coach Nuwan Zoysa for 6 years from all forms of cricket. Which country does Nuwan Zoysa belong to?
1) Pakistan
2) Bangladesh
3) Sri Lanka
4) South Africa
5) West Indies
Answer- **3) Sri Lanka**
Explanation:
In April 2021, the International Cricket Council (ICC) banned SriLanka's former cricket player and coach Nuwan Zoysa for 6 years from all forms of cricket after found breaching the ICCs anti-corruption code.

9. _____ won the 2021 World Snooker Championship that was held in _____.
1) Pankaj Advani, Germany
2) Pankaj Advani, England
3) Shaun Murphy, England
4) Mark Selby, Germany
5) Mark Selby, England
Answer- **5) Mark Selby, England**
Explanation:
Mark Selby, an English professional Snooker Player won the 2021 World Snooker Championship by defeating Shaun Murphy. This is his 4th World Championship. The Championship was held in Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, England.

10. What is India's Ranking in ICC Team Ranking in Twenty20 Format, as of May 2021?
1) 1st
2) 5th
3) 2nd
4) 4th
5) 3rd
Answer- **3) 2nd**
Explanation:
As per the ICC Men's Team Ranking of May 2021, India retained its **2nd** place behind England on the ICC team ranking in the Twenty20 (**T20**) Format. But dropped to the **3rd** position in the **ODI** Ranking behind New Zealand(1st) and Australia(2nd).
Still India is the **No. 1** team in ICC **Test** format.
About International Cricket Council (ICC):
Chairman- Greg Barclay
Chief Executive- Manu Sawhney
Headquarters- Dubai, UAE

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11. _____ the driver of _____ won the 2021's Spanish Grand Prix.
1) Lewis Hamilton, Red Bull Racing Honda
2) Sebastian Vettel, Red Bull Racing Honda
3) Lewis Hamilton, Mercedes
4) Sebastian Vettel, Mercedes
5) Max Verstappen, Red Bull Racing Honda
Answer- **3) Lewis Hamilton, Mercedes**
Explanation:
Mercedes driver **Lewis Hamilton (Britain)** won the Spanish Grand Prix 2021 for the 6th time (5th consecutive victory). The victory is also his 98th F1 Race Win (highest-ever in F1). He is the only black driver to race in the sport.

12. _____ & _____ won the 2021's Madrid Open Men's & Women's Singles titles
1) Alexander Zverev, Aryna Sabalenka
2) Stefanos Tsitsipas, Ashleigh Barty
3) Andrey Rublev, Ashleigh Barty
4) Matteo Berrettini, Aryna Sabalenka
5) Dominic Thiem, Ashleigh Barty
Answer- **1) Alexander Zverev, Aryna Sabalenka**
Explanation:
Germany's **Alexander Zverev** defeated Matteo Berrettini of Italy to win the Men's Singles Title of the 2021 Madrid Open (19th Edition on ATP).
In the Women's Singles Category, **Aryna Sabalenka** defeated World No.1 Ashleigh Barty (Australia) to clinch her maiden Madrid Open Title.

13. Which country will host the 2022 Women's Rugby World Cup?
1) Australia
2) India
3) Poland
4) Bulgaria
5) New Zealand
Answer- **5) New Zealand**
Explanation:
World Rugby announced that **New Zealand** is set to host the **Women's Rugby World Cup** from 8th October 2022 to 12th November 2022.

14. Which football team won the 2020-21 Premier League Championship?
1) Chelsea
2) Manchester City
3) Liverpool
4) Arsenal
5) Manchester United
Answer- **2) Manchester City**
Explanation:
Manchester City won the 2020-21 Premier League by defeating Manchester United.

15. Roman Khassanov was awarded a 10-years ban for corruption by the International Tennis Integrity Agency. Which country does he belong to?

1) Pakistan
2) Turkey
3) Vietnam
4) Kazakhstan
5) Taiwan

Answer- **4) Kazakhstan**

Explanation:

The International Tennis Integrity Agency announced that Roman Khassanov, a tennis player who represented Kazakhstan in the Davis Cup, has been banned for 10 years after admitting to a string of corruption charges.

16. What was the initiative launched by All India Chess Federation (AICF) (in May'21) to support the chess community affected by the COVID-19?

1) We Fight Covid
2) Checkmate Covid
3) Vaccinate the King
4) Taking on Covid
5) Take up Vaccine

Answer- **2) Checkmate Covid**

Explanation:

The All India Chess Federation (AICF) launched the **'Checkmate Covid'** initiative to support the chess community affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

17. In May 2021, Italian Open tennis tournament was successfully completed.
Identify the points that are correctly related to the tournament:
A) Italian Open tournament is played in a Clay Court
B) Women's Singles Title was won by the present WTA World No.1 Ashleigh Barty
C) Men's Singles Title was won by the present ATP World No.3 Rafael Nadal

1) Only B
2) Only B & C
3) Only A
4) Only A & C
5) Only A & B

Answer- **4) Only A & C**

Explanation:

Spain's **Rafael Nadal (ATP - World No.3)** defeated Serbia's Novak Djokovic to win the Men's Singles Title of 2021 Italian Open (78th Edition), also known as Rome Masters.

i.In the Women's Category, **Iga Swiatek** (Poland) defeated Karolina Pliskova (Czech Republic) to win the Women's Singles Title of Italian Open 2021.

ii. Italian Open is a **Clay court** Tournament.

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18. Fast bowler Harry Frederick Gurney retired from International Cricket in May 2021. Which country did he represent?
1) Ireland
2) New Zealand
3) England
4) Australia
5) South Africa
Answer- **3) England**
Explanation:
England's Fast bowler **Harry Frederick Gurney** announced his retirement from Cricket at the age of 34. He has represented England in 10 One Day Internationals (ODIs) & 2 Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is).

19. Which sports organisation entered into a partnership with Stupa Sports Analytics (in May'21) for AI based real time match analysis?
1) International Table Tennis Federation
2) Badminton World Federation
3) International Hockey Federation
4) Fencing Association of India
5) Board of Control for Cricket in India
Answer- **1) International Table Tennis Federation**
Explanation:
International Table Tennis Federation (**ITTF**) has entered into a partnership with **Stupa Sports Analytics**, a Delhi based Indian start-up company to provide Artificial Intelligence **(AI)-enabled real-time match and practice solutions** to leading players in all its 226 member associations.

20. Which city will host the 2021 AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships from October 26 to November 6, 2021?
1) Bhubaneswar, India
2) Belgrade, Serbia
3) Yekaterinburg, Russia
4) Lausanne, Switzerland
5) Zagreb, Croatia
Answer- **2) Belgrade, Serbia**
Explanation:
The International Boxing Association (**AIBA**) has announced that the 2021 AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships is scheduled to be held in **Belgrade, Serbia** from October 26 to November 6, 2021.

21. Indian cricket team ranked _____ in the ICC Test Team Rankings, while India's _____ retained 2nd position in ICC Test Player Rankings for Bowling
1) 2nd, Jasprit Bumrah
2) 3rd, Ravichandran Ashwin
3) 1st, Jasprit Bumrah
4) 3rd, Jasprit Bumrah
5) 1st, Ravichandran Ashwin
Answer- **5) 1st, Ravichandran Ashwin**

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Explanation:
India remained the **Number one Test side** after the annual update of the ICC team rankings followed by New Zealand & England, **Ravichandran Ashwin** remains in **2nd** Position in ICC Test Player Rankings for **Bowling**.

22. Arjan Singh Bhullar became the 1st Indian origin fighter to win a MMA world champion title. Which country does he belong to?
1) Ireland
2) Canada
3) England
4) USA
5) Germany
Answer- **2) Canada**
Explanation:
Indo-Canadian Mixed Martial Artist (MMA) **Arjan Singh Bhullar** became the heavyweight world champion at the Singapore-based One Championship, he is the first Indian-origin fighter to win an MMA world champion title.
Bhullar had won the 2010 Commonwealth games gold medal in New Delhi representing **Canada**.

23. Former World No.1 Tennis doubles player Barbora Strycova retired in May 2021. Which country does she belong to?
1) Pakistan
2) Iran
3) Czech Republic
4) Hungary
5) Albania
Answer- **3) Czech Republic**
Explanation:
Barbora Strycova, a 35-year old tennis player from **Czech Republic** announced retirement from **Tennis**. She won a Bronze Medal in the 2016 Rio Olympics. At the peak of her career, she was ranked WTA World No.1 in Doubles.

24. When & where will the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup be conducted?
1) India, October 2021
2) UAE, October 2021
3) India, October 2022
4) New Zealand, October 2021
5) UAE, October 2022
Answer- **3) India, October 2022**
Explanation:
At the 71st FIFA Congress, the FIFA Council approved key dates for the international match calendars. In which it also announced the dates of the **2022 U-17 Women's World Cup in India** to be held from **October 11 to 30 in 2022**.
i.This will be the 2nd FIFA tournament hosted by India, after the FIFA U-17 World Cup **2017**

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25. In May 2021, fast bowler Boyd Rankin retired from international cricket. He represented which country?
1) Australia
2) Ireland
3) West Indies
4) New Zealand
5) South Africa
Answer- **2) Ireland**
Explanation:
Former **Ireland and England** fast bowler **Boyd Rankin** announced his retirement from international cricket ending an 18 yearlong cricket career.

26. Who won the Betfred British Masters 2021 golf tournament?
1) Tiger Woods
2) Phil Mickelson
3) Dustin Johnson
4) Richard Bland
5) Jim Furyk
Answer- **4) Richard Bland**
Explanation:
English professional golfer **Richard Bland** won the Betfred British Masters 2021. Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma ended tied 34th in the tournament.

27. In May 2021, Red Bull Racing Honda's _____ won the F1 Monaco Grand Prix, while the French MotoGP was won by Jack Miller of team _____.
1) Lewis Hamilton; Suzuki
2) Lewis Hamilton; Ducati
3) Lewis Hamilton; Yamaha
4) Max Verstappen; Ducati
5) Max Verstappen; Yamaha
Answer- **4) Max Verstappen; Ducati**
Explanation:
Red Bull Racing Honda's **Max Verstappen (Netherlands)** won the 2021 F1 Monaco Grand Prix held at Circuit de Monaco, Monte Carlo.
In MotoGP, Australia's **Jack Miller (Ducati)** won the 2021 French MotoGP (2021 SHARK Helmets Grand Prix de) held at the Le Mans Bugatti Grand Prix race circuit, Le Mans, France.

28. In May 2021, Palak Kohli and Parul Parmar qualified for the Tokyo Paralympics 2021. Palak Kohli is the world's youngest player to represent in Paralympics in which sport?
1) Badminton
2) Cycling
3) Archery
4) Table Tennis
5) Athletics
Answer- **1) Badminton**

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Explanation:
Indian women's pair of **Palak Kohli and Parul Parmar** have qualified for the **Tokyo Paralympics 2021**. They are the **first Indian para shuttlers** to qualify for the Tokyo Paralympics. **Palak Kohli** is ranked no.11 in the world and she is becoming the **youngest para-badminton player** in the world to qualify for Tokyo 2021 Paralympics.

29. What is the effect of COVID-19 on the 2021 edition of the Asia Cup cricket tournament?
1) Postponed to 2022
2) Postponed to 2023
3) Postponed to 2024
4) Conducted in 2021 as scheduled
5) Suspended Indefinitely
Answer- **2) Postponed to 2023**
Explanation:
The 2021 edition of the Asia Cup has been postponed by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) to be held in 2023 due to COVID-19.

30. FIFA World Cup winning footballer, Sami Khedira, retired from international football. Which country did he represent?
1) Germany
2) France
3) England
4) Portugal
5) Brazil
Answer- **1) Germany**
Explanation:
Germany's 2014 FIFA World Cup-winner **Sami Khedira** announced retirement, He began his football career at VfB Stuttgart and won the Bundesliga title in 2007.

31. _____ won the 2021-Men's SinglesGeneva Open, while _____ won the 2021 ATP Lyon Open
1) Casper Ruud; Stefanos Tsitsipas
2) Denis Shapovalov; Cameron Norrie
3) Grigor Dimitrov; Stefanos Tsitsipas
4) Casper Ruud; Cameron Norrie
5) Denis Shapovalov; Grigor Dimitrov
Answer- **1) Casper Ruud; Stefanos Tsitsipas**
Explanation:
i.Casper Ruud (Norway) defeated Denis Shapovalov (Canada) to win the Singles Title of the **2021 Geneva Open**, which took place at Geneva, Switzerland.
ii.Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece) defeated Cameron Norrie (Britain) to win the Singles Title of the **2021 ATP Lyon Open**, which took place at Lyon, France.

32. Which team won the UEFA Women's Champions League 2020/21?
1) Manchester City
2) Chelsea

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3) Liverpool
4) Real Madrid
5) Barcelona
Answer- **5) Barcelona**
Explanation:
Barcelona beat Chelsea and won the UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) Women's Champions League 2020/21 by scoring 4-0. It was Barcelona's first Champions League title.
i.Barcelona also became the first team from Spain to win UEFA Champions League title

33. Who won the 2021 PGA Championship to become the oldest Golf major championship winner?
1) Julius Boros
2) Phil Mickelson
3) Tiger Woods
4) Rory McIlroy
5) Jack Nicklaus
Answer- **2) Phil Mickelson**
Explanation:
A 50-year old **World Golf Hall of Fame member**, American Golfer **Phil Mickelson** won the 2021 PGA Championship, who surpassed Julius Boros (48) to become the oldest major championship winner in the history of golf after capturing his sixth major.

34. Who won Men's high jump titles in the Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Championships in the USA?
1) Tejaswini Shankar
2) Neeraj Chopra
3) Hari Shankar Roy
4) Mariyappan Thangavelu
5) Varun Singh Bhati
Answer- **1) Tejaswini Shankar**
Explanation:
India's Tejaswini Shankar won back-to-back men's high jump titles in the Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Manhattan, USA.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1. Who authored the e-book "Climate Change Explained – For One And All"?
1) Licypriya Kangujam
2) Disha Ravi
3) Ravish Kumar
4) Aakash Ranison
5) Nodeep Kaur
Answer- **4) Aakash Ranison**

Explanation:
The e-book titled "Climate Change Explained – For One And All" authored by climate activist-author, Aakash Ranison was released on the occasion of Earth Day 2021. The book is focused on topics like climate change and its effect on the lives of individuals.

2. Who authored the book "Another Dozen Stories" which is translated from Bengali to English by Indrani Majumdar?
1) Rabindranath Tagore
2) Satyajit Ray
3) Atin Bandyopadhyay
4) Moti Nandi
5) Swami Vivekananda
Answer- **2) Satyajit Ray**
Explanation:
Satyajit Ray's book titled "Another Dozen Stories" is translated from Bengali to English by Indrani Majumdar. The book was released on 2nd May 2021, the 100th Birth anniversary of Satyajit Ray, one of India's greatest filmmakers.

- Another famous book by Satyajit Ray - "3 Rays: Stories from Satyajit Ray".

3. Who authored the Children's book "The Bench"?
1) Meghan Markle
2) J. K. Rowling
3) Prince Harry
4) Stephen King
5) Margaret Atwood
Answer- **1) Meghan Markle**
Explanation:
Meghan Markle, The Duchess of Sussex, is set to release her debut book, titled "The Bench". It is a children book that narrates the bond between a father and son through the mother's perspective.

4. Who authored the book "Bengal 2021, An Election Diary"?
1) Ashwin Sanghi
2) Deep Halder
3) Jeet Thayil
4) Durjoy Datta
5) Vikram Chandra
Answer- **2) Deep Halder**
Explanation:
A New book titled "Bengal 2021, An Election Diary" authored by Deep Halder. This book speaks about the electrifying election that took place in West Bengal, amid the times of Covid-19.
Deep Halder is the author of Blood Island: An Oral History of the Marichjhapi Massacre.

5. Who authored the book "Elephant"?
1) Salman Rushdie
2) Paul Pickering
3) Richard Lewis

4) Julian Barnes
5) Sarah Waters
Answer- **2) Paul Pickering**
Explanation:
The British Novelist **Paul Pickering** has authored a new book titled "**Elephant**".
Other Novels by Paul Pickering:
Wild about Harry, Perfect English, The Blue Gate of Babylon, Charlie Peace, The Leopard's Wife and Over the Rainbow.

6. Who authored the book "Life in the Clock Tower Valley"?
1) Shakoor Rather
2) Ghulam Nabi Gowhar
3) Sanchit Gupta
4) Madhuri Vijay
5) Paro Anand
Answer- **1) Shakoor Rather**
Explanation:
Delhi-based Kashmiri journalist **Shakoor Rather** has authored his debut novel titled **"Life in the Clock Tower Valley"**. The novel travels between the past, present and future of Kashmir.

7. Who authored the book "1971: The Beginning of India's Cricketing Greatness"?
1) Boria Majumdar
2) Joy Bhattacharjya
3) Gautam Bhattacharya
4) Both 1 & 2
5) Both 1 & 3
Answer- **5) Both 1 & 3**
Explanation:
A Book titled **"1971: The Beginning of India's Cricketing Greatness"** by Boria Majumdar and Gautam Bhattacharya
i.Boria Majumdar, is the co-author of Sachin Tendulkar's autobiography **Playing It My Way.**
ii. Gautam Bhattacharya, is the co-author of Sourav Ganguly's book **A Century is Not Enough.**

8. Who authored the book "All Time Favourites for Children"?
1) Samuel Hopkins Adams
2) J. K. Rowling
3) Ruskin Bond
4) R. K. Narayan
5) Khushwant Singh
Answer- **3) Ruskin Bond**
Explanation:
Ruskin Bond, is coming up with a new book titled **"All Time Favourites for Children"** on his 87th birthday on May 19, 2021.
Famous Books - The Adventures of Rusty, Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra, The Room on the Roof

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9. Who authored the book "Elephant In The Womb"?
1) Peter Carnavas
2) Kangana Ranaut
3) Anurag Kashyap
4) Lawrence Anthony
5) Kalki Koechlin
Answer- **5) Kalki Koechlin**
Explanation:
Actress **Kalki Koechlin** has authored her debut book titled **"Elephant In The Womb"**, a non-fiction book on motherhood. The illustrations of the book were done by Valeriya Polyanychko.

10. Who authored the book "Klara and the Sun"?
1) Louise Glück
2) Olga Tokarczuk
3) Peter Handke
4) Kazuo Ishiguro
5) Marilyn Booth
Answer- **4) Kazuo Ishiguro**
Explanation:
A Book titled **"Klara and the Sun"** authored by Nobel Prize-winning author **Kazuo Ishiguro**.
i.He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2017 & also won the Man Booker prize in 1989 for his novel **'The Remains of the Day'**.

11. Who authored the book, "Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance" that was launched on May 16, 2021, Sikkim Foundation Day?
1) Preet Mohan Singh Malik
2) Mamang Dai
3) Easterine Kire
4) Sanjoy Hazarika
5) Temsüla Ao
Answer- **1) Preet Mohan Singh Malik**
Explanation:
Preet Mohan Singh Malik's book about Sikkim named 'Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance', on **May 16, 2021**, the day on which **Sikkim Foundation Day** is celebrated.
i.The book clarifies the strategic issues behind India's decision to accept Sikkim's demand to be merged with India.
ii. Sikkim became the **22nd state** of India in **1975**.

12. Who authored the book "Buddha in Gandhara"?
1) Suketu Mehta
2) Ruskin Bond
3) Sunita Dwivedi
4) Kiran Desai
5) Anita Nair
Answer- **3) Sunita Dwivedi**

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Explanation:
A book titled **"Buddha in Gandhara" by Sunita Dwivedi** is Published by Rupa Publications.It is a Travelogue about the journey through the cities that once dotted the highroad connecting India with Central Asia and China.

13. Who authored the book, "The Spiritual CEO"?
1) Shantanu Narayen
2) Nandan Nilekani
3) Indra Nooyi
4) S Prakash
5) Anand Mahindra
Answer- **4) S Prakash**
Explanation:
A New book titled "The Spiritual CEO" penned by President of Heartfulness Institute, S Prakash. This book deals with the roadmap for how to build a better business, live a better life and all through the simple practice of "Korporate Karma".

14. "Sach Kahun Toh" is the autobiography of _____.
1) Neena Gupta
2) Salman Khan
3) Erica Fernandes
4) Mouni Roy
5) Akshay Kumar
Answer- **1) Neena Gupta**
Explanation:
Indian actress and television director, **Neena Gupta**'s autobiography 'Sach Kahun Toh', is set to release on June 14, 2021.

15. Who authored the book "7 Lessons from Everest – Expedition Learnings from Life and Business"?
1) Dilip Shanghvi
2) Vani Kola
3) Aditya Gupta
4) Arunima Sinha
5) Premlata Agrawal
Answer- **3) Aditya Gupta**
Explanation:
Delhi-based entrepreneur and mountaineer **Aditya Gupta** authored a book titled **"7 Lessons from Everest – Expedition Learnings from Life and Business"**.

16. Who authored the book "India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present"?
1) Ajit Doval
2) Shivshankar Menon
3) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
4) Shyam Saran
5) Bharat Karnad

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Answer- **2) Shivshankar Menon**

Explanation:

A new book titled **"India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present"** has been released, which has been authored by Indian diplomat **Shivshankar Menon**.

i.He previously served as National Security Advisor of India and Foreign Secretary of India.

17. Who authored the book, "Savarkar: A Contested Legacy (1924-1966)", the 2nd Volume of the life of Veera Savarkar?

1) Mohan Bhagwat
2) Vikram Sampath
3) Bibek Debroy
4) Hindol Sengupta
5) K. S. Sudarshan

Answer- **2) Vikram Sampath**

Explanation:

Bangalore based Historian **Vikram Sampath** has authored a new book titled "**Savarkar: A Contested Legacy (1924-1966)"**, the 2nd & concluding volume of the life and works of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar(Veera Savarkar).

The 1st volume titled **"Savarkar: Echoes from a Forgotten Past"**, released in 2019.

18. Who authored the book, "Stargazing: The Players in My Life"?

1) Pullela Gopichand
2) Bharat Arun
3) Ravi Shastri
4) Anil Kumble
5) Kapil Dev

Answer- **3) Ravi Shastri**

Explanation:

Cricket legend, commentator and one of Team India's most successful coaches, Ravi Shastri has penned a book titled '**Stargazing: The Players in My Life**'.

OBITUARY

1. In April 2021, Astronaut Michael Collins passed away. He was popularly known for which space mission?

1) Apollo 11
2) Vostok I
3) Apollo 13
4) Vanguard 1
5) Sputnik 1

Answer- **1) Apollo 11**

Explanation:

On 28th April 2021, American astronaut, Apollo 11 pilot Michael Collins passed away due to cancer.

- Michael Collins flew the Apollo 11 command module Columbia around the Moon in 1969

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- He is also known as the 'forgotten' astronaut of Apollo 11, was Michael Collins never set foot on the lunar surface

2. In April 2021, Padma Vibhushan Awardee Soli Sorabjee passed away. Which was the position previously held by him?
1) Solicitor General of India
2) Attorney General of India
3) Chief Justice of India
4) Election Commissioner of India
5) RBI Governor
Answer- **2) Attorney General of India**
Explanation:
On 30th April 2021, Veteran lawyer and Padma Vibhushan Awardee, former attorney general Soli Sorabjee passed away due to covid-19 in Delhi.

3. Famous Indian Musician Shravan Rathod passed away in April 2021. He belongs to which state?
1) Odisha
2) Punjab
3) Andhra Pradesh
4) Rajasthan
5) Maharashtra
Answer- **5) Maharashtra**
Explanation:
Famous Music composer Shravan Rathod, of Nadeem-Shravan duo passed away at the age of 66 due to covid-19 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

4. In May 2021, Padma Bhushan awardee Pandit Devabrata Chaudhuri passed away. He is an expert in which musical instrument?
1) Mridangam
2) Sitar
3) Shehnai
4) Tabla
5) Nadaswaram
Answer- **2) Sitar**
Explanation:
On 1st May 2021, Sitar Master Pandit Devabrata (Debu) Chaudhuri passed away at the age of 85 in Delhi due to covid-19.
Pandit Debu Chaudhuri has been awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1992 for his contribution to arts.

5. National Award winning Cinematographer KV Anand passed away in May 2021. Which state does he belong to?
1) Kerala
2) West Bengal
3) Maharashtra
4) Tamil Nadu

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5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- **4) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

Tamil Director and National film Award winning Cinematographer KV Anand (Karimanal Venkatesan Anand) passed away at the age of 54 due to COVID-19 related complications in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

6. In May 2021, Jagdish Khattar passed away. He was the former MD of which company?

1) Tata Motors
2) Maruti Suzuki
3) Mahindra & Mahindra
4) Bajaj Auto
5) TVS Motor

Answer- **2) Maruti Suzuki**

Explanation:

Jagdish Khattar, former Managing Director(MD) of Maruti Suzuki India(Then known as Maruti Udyog Limited), passed away.

7. In May 2021, Asian Games Gold medalist Gulam Mohammad Khan passed away. In which sport did he represent India?

1) Pole Vault
2) Javelin Throw
3) Fencing
4) Equestrian
5) Gymnastics

Answer- **4) Equestrian**

Explanation:

The 1982 Asian Games gold medallist rider, Colonel Gulam Mohammad Khan died on May 01, 2021, in Pune, Maharashtra. Along with his team, he won the gold medal in Eventing, an Equestrian event, at the 1982 Asian Games in New Delhi.

- He was honoured with an Arjuna Award in 1984.

8. Veteran actor Amit Mistry passed away in May 2021. He is a famous actor in which language?

1) Tamil
2) Marathi
3) Gujarati
4) Bhojpuri
5) Bengali

Answer- **3) Gujarati**

Explanation:

Veteran Gujarati and Hindi Film Actor Amit Mistry passed Away at the age of 47 after suffering a cardiac arrest.

9. In May 2021, Padma Vibhushan awardee Jagmohan Malhotra passed away. He was awarded in Padma Vibhushan which field?

1) Medicine
2) Spiritualism

3) Public Affairs
4) Art
5) Literature & Education
Answer- **3) Public Affairs**
Explanation:
Former Union Minister, Padma Awardee and Jammu and Kashmir(J&K) governor Jagmohan Malhotra passed away at the age of 93.
He was honoured with the Padma Shri in 1971, Padma Bhushan in 1977 and Padma Vibhushan in 2016 under Public Affairs.

10. In May 2021, Aeronautical scientist Manas Bihari Verma passed away. Which of the following was developed by him during his tenure in DRDO?
1) Tejas
2) BrahMos Missiles
3) Netra
4) Rafale
5) Akash Missile
Answer- **1) Tejas**
Explanation:
Padma Shri awardee, Aeronautical scientist Manas Bihari Verma, 77 died in Darbhanga district of Bihar on May 04, 2021.
As a Scientist of DRDO, he played an important role in the development of the Light Combat Aircraft – Tejas.

11. Famous Indian _____ singer, Farid Sabri, passed away in May 2021.
1) Thumri
2) Kajari
3) Dhamar
4) Dhrupad
5) Qawwali
Answer- **5) Qawwali**
Explanation:
Qawwali singer Farid Sabri, of the Sabri Brothers duo, passed away at the age of 58 due to a severe case of pneumonia in Jaipur.

12. In May 2021, Oscar award winning actress Olympia Dukakis passed away. Which country does she belong to?
1) USA
2) Germany
3) Canada
4) France
5) Australia
Answer- **1) USA**
Explanation:
Oscar-winning 'Moonstruck' actress Olympia Dukakis passed away at the age of 89 in New York due to prolonged illness.

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The American actress won the Academy Award and a Golden Globe in 1987 for her performance in Moonstruck.

13. India's longest serving Bishop Dr. Philipose Chrysostom passed away in May 2021. In Which state did he serve as Bishop?

1) Nagaland
2) Assam
3) Arunachal Pradesh
4) Tamil Nadu
5) Kerala

Answer- **5) Kerala**

Explanation:

Padma Bhushan Reverend(Rev) Dr Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan, a well-known religious leader and India's longest serving Bishop passed away at the age of 103 in Pathanamthitta, Kerala.

He was honoured with Padma Bhushan in 2018.

14. Former Union Minister Chaudhary Ajit Singh passed away in May 2021. He is the Chief of Which political party?

1) Rashtriya Lok Dal
2) Pattali Makkal Katchi
3) Lok Janshakti Party
4) Jana Sena Party
5) Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam

Answer- **1) Rashtriya Lok Dal**

Explanation:

Former Union Minister and the **Chief of Rashtriya Lok Dal** (RLD), Chaudhary Ajit Singh passed away at the age of 82 in Gurgaon, Haryana.

i.He is one of the first IITians in Indian Politics.

ii. He served as the Union Food Minister, Minister of Agriculture & Minister of Civil Aviation.

15. Former Union Minister Matang Sinh passed away in May 2021. Which state does he belong to?

1) Tripura
2) West Bengal
3) Assam
4) Sikkim
5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer- **3) Assam**

Explanation:

Former union minister and Congress leader, Matang Sinh passed away in New Delhi following COVID-19 related complications. He was born in Tinsukia, Assam.

Matang Sinh was elected to Rajya Sabha from Assam in 1992

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16. Padma Shri awardee Gutha Muniratnam passed away in May 2021. In Which field he was awarded Padma Shri?
1) Education & Literature
2) Art
3) Public Affairs
4) Medicine
5) Social Works
Answer- **5) Social Works**
Explanation:
Renowned social activist Padma Shri awardee Gutha Muniratnam passed away in Chennai.
He was awarded Padma Shri for his contribution towards Social Works.

17. In May 2021, Famous _____ Padma Shri Vanraj Bhatia passed away.
1) Sculptor
2) Musician
3) Mountaineer
4) Sand Artist
5) Director
Answer- **2) Musician**
Explanation:
Famous music composer & Padma shri awardee, Vanraj Bhatia passed away in Mumbai.
He won National Film Award for Best Music Direction (for Tamas) in 1988

18. Indian Olympic medalist Ravinder Pal Singh passed away in May 2021. In which sport did he represent India?
1) Hockey
2) High Jump
3) Wrestling
4) Shooting
5) Boxing
Answer- **1) Hockey**
Explanation:
Former India hockey player and a member of the 1980 Moscow Olympics-winning side, **Ravinder Pal Singh** passed away in Lucknow due to COVID-19.
i.Ravinder Pal Singh was the member of the **Indian Hockey team that won the gold medal in 1980 Olympics** held in Moscow, Russia.

19. Padma Vibhushan awardee Raghunath Mohapatra passed away in May 2021. He was awarded the Padma award for his contribution towards _____.
1) Carnatic Music
2) Bharatanatyam
3) Sand Artist
4) Medicine
5) Sculpture
Answer- **5) Sculpture**

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Explanation:
Eminent **Sculptor**, Rajya Sabha member and Padma Awardee Raghunath Mohapatra passed away due to covid-19 in Bhubaneshwar, Odisha.
He received **Padma Vibhushan** in 2013 for his contribution to the field of stone sculpture.

20. Olympic Gold Medal winner, Maharaj Krishan Kaushik, passed away in May 2021. In which sport did he represent India?
1) Hockey
2) Football
3) Wrestling
4) Shooting
5) Boxing
Answer- **1) Hockey**
Explanation:
Former Indian **Hockey** player and coach Maharaj Krishan Kaushik passed away at the age of 66 after battling COVID-19 in New Delhi. He was the member of the Indian Hockey team that won the **Gold medal in 1980 Olympics** held in Moscow, Russia.
i.He also wrote the book "**The Golden Boot**".

21. Asian Games Gold medal winning athlete, Fortunato Franco, passed away in May 2021. In which sport did he represent India?
1) Hockey
2) Football
3) Wrestling
4) Shooting
5) Boxing
Answer- **2) Football**
Explanation:
Former India international footballer, Fortunato Franco, passed away in Goa. He was a part of the 1962 Asian Games gold medal-winning football team in Jakarta.

22. Name the autobiography of Arjuna Award winning Table Tennis player Venugopal Chandrasekhar, who passed away in May 2021.
1) My fightback from Death's Door
2) Ace Against Odds
3) Playing to Win
4) Touched by God: How We Won the Mexico '86 World Cup
5) One Life is Not Enough
Answer- **1) My fightback from Death's Door**
Explanation:
Arjuna Awardee **Venugopal Chandrasekhar**, former Indian Table Tennis(TT) player passed away due to COVID-19 related complications in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
His Autobiography titled **"My fightback from Death's Door"** was published in 2006.

23. World's Oldest Women Sharp Shooter Chandro Tomar passed away in 2021. Which state does she belong to?
1) Haryana
2) Rajasthan
3) Sikkim
4) Uttar Pradesh
5) Bihar
Answer- **4) Uttar Pradesh**
Explanation:
The 89-year-old sharpshooter Chandro Tomar passed away in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh after suffering from COVID-19. Chandro Tomar popularly known as "Shooter Dadi", started her shooting career in her 60's and was acclaimed as the World's Oldest Women Sharp Shooter. She belongs to Uttar Pradesh.

24. In May 2021, one of India's oldest politicians Kalathilparambil Raman Gouri Amma passed away. She belongs to which state?
1) Tamil Nadu
2) Karnataka
3) Andhra Pradesh
4) Kerala
5) Telangana
Answer- **4) Kerala**
Explanation:
1st Revenue Minister of Kerala, **Kalathilparambil Raman Gouri Amma** popularly known as the architect of land reforms in Kerala passed away at the age of 101 due to age-related ailments in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

25. In May 2021, Sahitya Akademi Award winning writer Homen Borgohain passed away. Which state does he belong to?
1) West Bengal
2) Gujarat
3) Punjab
4) Odisha
5) Assam
Answer- **5) Assam**
Explanation:
Eminent **Assamese** writer and Veteran journalist **Homen Borgohain** has passed away at the age of 88 after suffering cardiac arrest in Guwahati, Assam.
He was awarded Sahitya Akademi Award in 1978 for Assamese language for his novel **'Pita Putra'**

26. In May 2021, Padma Bhushan awardee Indu Jain passed away. In which field was she awarded Padma Bhushan in 2016?
1) Science & Engineering
2) Trade & Industry
3) Medicine
4) Art
5) Spirituality

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Answer- **2) Trade & Industry**

Explanation:

Padma Bhushan **Indu Jain**, Chairperson of Times Group, passed away at the age of 84 due to COVID-19 complications in Delhi.

Padma Bhushan in 2016 for **Trade and Industry**.

27. Padma Bhushan awardee and India's only recipient of King Faisal International Prize, MS Narasimhan, passed away in May 2021. What was his profession?

1) Mathematician
2) Neuro-Surgeon
3) Environmentalist
4) Classical Singer
5) Sculptor

Answer- **1) Mathematician**

Explanation:

Renowned **Mathematician** Padma Bhushan Prof. Mudumbai Seshachalu Narasimhan(**MS Narasimhan**) passed away at the age of 88.

He is the only Indian to receive the King Faisal International Prize in Science.

28. In May 2021, Former Governor of Kerala & 6-time Member of Parliament, Raghunandan Lal Bhatia, passed away. From which constituency was he elected as MP for 6-times?

1) Kasaragod, Kerala
2) Amritsar, Punjab
3) Ernakulam, Kerala
4) Muzaffarpur, Bihar
5) Sangrur, Punjab

Answer- **2) Amritsar, Punjab**

Explanation:

Senior Congress leader and former Governor of Kerala, Bihar, Raghunandan Lal Bhatia(**R L Bhatia**) passed away due to covid-19 in Amritsar, Punjab.

R L Bhatia was elected as Member of Parliament(**MP**), six times from **Amritsar** parliamentary constituency.

29. In May 2021, Padma Shri awardee Krishan Kumar Aggarwal passed away. In which field he was awarded Padma Shri?

1) Art
2) Literature & Education
3) Science & Engineering
4) Spirituality
5) Medicine

Answer- **5) Medicine**

Explanation:

Former National President of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Padma Shri awardee **Dr. Krishan Kumar Aggarwal** (KK Aggarwal) has passed away due to Covid-19 in New Delhi.

He was awarded **Padma Shri**, for his contributions to the field of **Medicine**.

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30. Former Union Minister Chaman Lal Gupta passed away in May 2021. Representing which constituency he was elected to Lok Sabha?
1) Udhampur, J&K
2) Chandni Chowk, Delhi
3) Varanasi, UP
4) Gaya, Bihar
5) Chandigarh
Answer- **1) Udhampur, J&K**
Explanation:
Chaman Lal Gupta, a veteran Bharatiya Janata Party(BJP) leader and former Union Minister passed away at his residence in Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir(J&K).
He was elected to the Lok Sabha from the **Udhampur** constituency(**Jammu**) in 1996, 1998 and 1999.

31. In May 2021, Sahitya Akademi winning writer Ki Rajanarayanan passed away. In which language did he author novels?
1) Marathi
2) Malayalam
3) Telugu
4) Tamil
5) Hindi
Answer- **4) Tamil**
Explanation:
Eminent **Tamil writer**, novelist, and Sahitya Akademi awardee Rayangala Shri Krishna Raja Narayana Perumal Ramanujam Naicker foundly known as **Ki Rajanarayanan** passed away at the age of 97 due to age related health-issues in Puducherry.
He was honored with Sahitya Academy award in 1991 for his novel '**Gopalla Purathu Makkal**'.

32. In May 2021, Veteran Congress leader Jagannath Pahadia passed away. He was the former Chief Minister of which state?
1) Rajasthan
2) Bihar
3) Punjab
4) Gujarat
5) Madhya Pradesh
Answer- **1) Rajasthan**
Explanation:
Veteran Congress leader and former Rajasthan Chief Minister(CM) **Jagannath Pahadia** passed away due to COVID-19 at the age of 89 in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
i.He was the first Dalit chief minister of the **Rajasthan**.

33. Serving Rajya Sabha member Rajeev Shankarrao Satav passed away in May 2021. From which state he was elected to Rajya Sabha?
1) Rajasthan
2) Bihar
3) Madhya Pradesh
4) Maharashtra

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5) Uttar Pradesh
Answer- **4) Maharashtra**
Explanation:
Veteran Congress leader and Rajya Sabha Member, Rajeev Shankarrao Satav passed away in Pune, Maharashtra. He is a serving Rajya Sabha member elected from Maharashtra.

34. India's 1st Dronacharya awardee, Om Prakash Bhardwaj passed away in May 2021. He received Dronacharya awardee for coaching which sport?
1) Hockey
2) Cricket
3) Badminton
4) Football
5) Boxing
Answer- **5) Boxing**
Explanation:
India's first Dronacharya awardee coach in **boxing**, **Om Prakash Bhardwaj** (O P Bhardwaj) passed away after battling prolonged illness and age-related ailments in New Delhi.

35. In May 2021, Padma Vibhushan Awardee Sunderlal Bahuguna passed away. What is the famous slogan coined by him?
1) Ecology is the permanent economy
2) Aaram Haraam Hai
3) Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan
4) Satyameva Jayate
5) One religion, one caste and one God for mankind
Answer- **1) Ecology is the permanent economy**
Explanation:
Well-known environmentalist, Gandhian and **Padma Vibhushan Awardee Sunderlal Bahuguna** passed away due to COVID-19 related complications in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.
i.He created the Chipko movement 's slogan "**Ecology is the permanent economy**."

36. Padma Shri Awardee Srikumar Banerjee passed away in May 2021. Previously he served as the chairman of which organisation?
1) Atomic Energy Commission of India
2) Indian Space Research Organisation
3) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
4) Defence Research and Development Organisation
5) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
Answer- **1) Atomic Energy Commission of India**
Explanation:
Former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (**AEC**)and Padma Shri Awardee **Srikumar Banerjee** passed away following a heart attack in Mumbai.

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37. Olympian Sakti Mazumdar passed away in May 2021. He represented India in the Olympic games for which sport?
1) Hockey
2) Badminton
3) Weight Lifting
4) Boxing
5) Archery
Answer- **4) Boxing**
Explanation:
Former **Indian Olympian Boxer Sakti Mazumdar** Passed Away after suffering a heart attack in West Bengal.

38. Former Union Minister Babagouda Patil passed away in May 2021. Which state does he belong to?
1) Maharashtra
2) Gujarat
3) Rajasthan
4) Karnataka
5) West Bengal
Answer- **4) Karnataka**
Explanation:
Former union minister and eminent farmer leader **Babagouda Patil** passed away in **Karnataka**. He was one of the founding members of the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha

39. In May 2021, 1971 war hero Colonel Panjab Singh passed away. What was the highest gallantry award received by him?
1) Shaurya Chakra
2) Vir Chakra
3) Ashoka Chakra
4) Param Vir Chakra
5) Sena Medal
Answer- **2) Vir Chakra**
Explanation:
Vir Chakra awardee and a decorated veteran of the 1971 war, **Colonel Panjab Singh** passed away at the Command Hospital in Chandimandir, in Haryana. He was popularly known as 'Hero of Poonch'.

40. In May 2021, Famous Indian film personality Raam Laxman passed away. What was his profession?
1) Music Director
2) Cinematographer
3) Screenwriter
4) Comedian
5) Producer
Answer- **1) Music Director**

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Explanation:
Veteran music composer **Raam Laxman**, passed away after suffering a cardiac arrest in Nagpur, Maharashtra. He worked for more than 200 films in Hindi, Marathi and Bhojpuri languages.

41. In May 2021, Yuan Longping, the "Father of Hybrid Rice" passed away. Which country does he belong to?
1) Taiwan
2) South Korea
3) Indonesia
4) Japan
5) China
Answer- **5) China**
Explanation:
The Chinese agricultural scientist, Yuan Longping, also known as the **"Father of Hybrid Rice"**, has passed away.
i.He developed the **1st hybrid rice varieties "Nan-you No. 2"**, which transformed China into a grain surplus country.
ii. In 2004, he was honoured with the World Food Prize

42. In May 2021, Freedom fighter H S Doreswamy passed away. What was the newspaper run by him?
1) Kudi Arasu
2) Bahishkrit Bharat
3) Pauravani
4) Independent
5) Somaprakasha
Answer- **3) Pauravani**
Explanation:
In May 2021, Freedom fighter, Journalist, Social worker Centenarian **H S Doreswamy** passed away at the age of 104.
i.He ran the publication house of **'Sahitya Mandira'** and the Indian nationalist newspaper **'Pauravani'** that voiced the aspirations of an independent India.

43. In May 2021, Poul Schlueter, a key personality in the European Union Treaty passed away. He was the former Prime Minister of which country?
1) Austria
2) Denmark
3) France
4) Switzerland
5) Hungary
Answer- **2) Denmark**
Explanation:
Former **Denmark's** prime minister **Poul Schlueter,** who negotiated exemptions for his country to a key European Union(EU) treaty has passed away.
He was the longest-serving Danish prime minister for over a decade from 1982 to 1993, since World War II.

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44. In May 2021, India's renowned poet Tarannum Riyaz passed away. She was famous for her works in which language?

1) Urdu
2) Marathi
3) Gujarati
4) Bengali
5) Kannada

Answer- **1) Urdu**

Explanation:

The former **Urdu** newsreader of All India Radio(AIR) and a renowned poet, Dr. **Tarannum Riyaz** passed away in New Delhi. She was also the secretary of Poetry Club India.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. Which organisation annually celebrate the International Jazz Day on 30th April?

1) International Theatre Institute
2) International Music Council
3) UNESCO
4) Intercultural Theatre Institute
5) UNICEF

Answer- **3) UNESCO**

Explanation:

International Jazz Day is annually observed across the globe on 30th April to highlight jazz and its diplomatic role in uniting people across the globe. The year 2021 marks the 10th anniversary of International Jazz Day.

- The International Jazz Day is celebrated by The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

2. India annually celebrates _____ as Ayushman Bharat Diwas to promote affordable medical facilities launched under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana in _____.

1) 30th April, 2019
2) 29th April, 2018
3) 28th April, 2018
4) 29th April, 2019
5) 30th April, 2018

Answer- **5) 30th April, 2018**

Explanation:

Ayushman Bharat Diwas is annually celebrated across India on 30th April to promote affordable medical facilities in remote parts of India.

- Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana was launched by Govt. of India on 23rd September 2018.

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3. When is the International Dance Day annually celebrated by the International Theatre Institute?
1) 29th April
2) 28th April
3) 30th April
4) 27th April
5) 26th April
Answer- **1) 29th April**
Explanation:
The International Dance Day is annually celebrated across the world on 29th April by the International Theatre Institute (ITI) on the birth anniversary of Jean-Georges Noverre, the creator of modern ballet.

4. When is the International Labour Day annually observed across the globe?
1) May 2
2) April 30
3) April 28
4) May 1
5) April 29
Answer- **4) May 1**
Explanation:
The International Labour Day or May Day is annually observed across the globe on May 1st to recognise the achievements of the workers and to create awareness about the exploitation of workers.
The first Labour day in India was observed in Chennai by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan on May 1st 1923.

5. The United Nations annually observed the World Press Freedom Day to highlight the importance of Freedom of Press.
Identify the points that are correctly related to the World Press Freedom Day:
A) World Press Freedom Day is annually observed on May 3rd
B) Theme for 2021 - "Information as a Public Good"
C) Maria Ressa from Philippines won the Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2021
1) Only B
2) All A, B & C
3) Only C
4) Only B & C
5) Only A & C
Answer- **2) All A, B & C**
Explanation:
The United Nations(UN)'s World Press Freedom Day is annually observed across the globe on 3rd May. The day is dedicated to the freedom of the press and highlights the need for the government and people to respect their commitment to press freedom.
i.The theme of World Press Freedom Day 2021 is "Information as a Public Good".
ii. Maria Ressa, Investigative journalist and media executive from the Philippines has been named the winner of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2021.

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6. When is the World Tuna Day annually observed by the UN?
1) 3rd May
2) 30th April
3) 2nd May
4) 29th April
5) 1st May
Answer- **3) 2nd May**
Explanation:
The United Nations World Tuna Day is annually observed across the globe on 2nd May to create awareness about the importance of Tuna and to promote sustainable fishing practices.

- The demand in tuna is high due to its nutritional value like Omega-3, minerals, proteins and vitamin B12, among other advantages.

7. When is the World Laughter Day annually celebrated across the globe?
1) 1st Sunday of May
2) Last Sunday of April
3) Last Saturday of April
4) 1st Saturday of April
5) 1st of May
Answer- **1) 1st Sunday of May**
Explanation:
World Laughter Day is celebrated every year on the 1st Sunday of May and this year it falls on 2nd May. The day is celebrated to raise awareness about laughter and its many healing benefits.

- 1st world laughter day was celebrated on 10th May 1998 in Mumbai, India organised by Dr. Madan Kataria.

8. When is the International Firefighters Day annually observed across the globe?
1) 5th May
2) 3rd May
3) 1st May
4) 4th May
5) 2nd May
Answer- **4) 4th May**
Explanation:
International Firefighters Day (IFFD) is annually observed across the globe on 4th May to recognise and honour the contribution and sacrifices of the Firefighters to ensure the safety of their community and environment.

9. What is the theme of 2021's World Asthma Day which is annually observed across the globe on the 1st Tuesday of May?
1) You Can Control Your Asthma
2) Allergy and Asthma
3) Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions
4) STOP for Asthma
5) Enough Asthma Deaths
Answer- **3) Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions**

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Explanation:
World Asthma Day is observed every year on the first Tuesday of May. This year it falls on May 4. The day is organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) in collaboration with health care groups and asthma educators, to spread awareness and care around the world.

- Theme for the year 2021: "Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions".

10. What is the theme of International Day of the Midwife (IDM) that is annually observed across the globe on 5th of May?
1) Follow the data: Invest in Midwives
2) Women and Newborns: The Heart of Midwifery
3) Midwives, Mothers and Families: Partners for Life!
4) Midwives for a better tomorrow
5) Midwives: Defenders of Women's Rights
Answer- **1) Follow the data: Invest in Midwives**
Explanation:
International Day of the Midwife (IDM) is annually celebrated across the globe on **5th May** to recognise and celebrate the work of midwives across the world.
The theme of the IDM 2021 is "**Follow the data: Invest in Midwives**".

11. When is the World Hand Hygiene Day annually observed by the World Health Organisation?
1) 4th May
2) 3rd May
3) 5th May
4) 2nd May
5) 6th May
Answer- **3) 5th May**
Explanation:
World Hand Hygiene Day is annually observed across the globe by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on **5th May** to create awareness about the importance of hand hygiene towards health care.
The **2021 theme** of the campaign **is "Achieving hand hygiene at the point of care".**
The **2021 slogan** of the campaign is **"Seconds save lives – clean your hands!"**

12. UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassador, _____ released an awareness video on Immunization to mark the World Immunization Week that is annually observed on _____.
1) David Beckham, 1st Week of May
2) Priyanka Chopra, 1st Week of May
3) David Beckham, Last Week of April
4) Priyanka Chopra, Last Week of April
5) David Beckham, 3rd Week of April
Answer- **3) David Beckham, Last Week of April**
Explanation:
UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassador, David Beckham released a video ahead of World Immunization Week 2021 (April 24th-30th) for creating awareness. World Immunization Week is annually observed in the last week of April.

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13. When is the International No Diet Day annually observed?
1) 2nd May
2) 6th May
3) 4th May
4) 3rd May
5) 5th May
Answer- **2) 6th May**
Explanation:
International No Diet Day (INDD) is annually observed across the globe on **6th May** to celebrate body acceptance and diversity.
Symbol - **Blue Ribbon**

14. When is the World Athletics Day annually celebrated across the global?
1) 5th May
2) 7th May
3) 6th May
4) 8th May
5) 4th May
Answer- **2) 7th May**
Explanation:
World Athletics Day(WAD) is annually observed across the globe on the 7th of May to create awareness about athletics and encourage youngsters to take up sports.

15. Border Roads Organisation (BRO) Raising Day is annually observed across India on _____ to mark the establishment of the BRO in _____.
1) 7th May, 1971
2) 6th May, 1960
3) 7th May, 1973
4) 6th May, 1971
5) 7th May, 1960
Answer- **5) 7th May, 1960**
Explanation:
The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) Raising Day is annually observed across India on 7th May to mark the establishment of the BRO in 1960.

16. What is the theme of 2021's World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day that is annually celebrated on 8th May?
1) Memorable smiles from around the world
2) Together we are #unstoppable!
3) Together for #love!
4) Together for Humanity
5) Everywhere for Everyone
Answer- **2) Together we are #unstoppable!**
Explanation:
The World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is annually observed across the globe on **8th May** to celebrate and acknowledge the volunteers, members and staff who support the people in need. The day

also commemorates the birth anniversary of **Henry Dunant**, the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross(ICRC).
The theme of the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2021 is **'Together we are #unstoppable!'.**

17. World Thalassemia Day is annually observed on _____ to create awareness about the disease that affects _____.
1) May 7, Brain
2) May 6, Brain
3) May 8, Brain
4) May 7, Blood
5) May 8, Blood
Answer- **5) May 8, Blood**
Explanation:
Every year the **World Thalassemia Day** is celebrated on **May 8**. The day is celebrated to encourage the patients suffering from Thalassemia, to raise awareness amongst the general public and decision-makers about thalassaemia.
Theme :"Addressing Health Inequalities Across the Global Thalassemia Community"
Thalassaemia is a disease that significantly **reduces the haemoglobin count** in the body and affects the production of red blood cells.

18. What is the theme of 2021's World Migratory Bird Day that is observed bi-annually on the 2nd Saturday of May & October?
1) Their Future is our Future - A healthy planet for migratory birds and people
2) Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!
3) Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird!
4) Birds Connect Our World
5) Unifying Our Voices for Bird Conservation
Answer- **3) Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird!**
Explanation:
World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is bi-annually observed across the world on the **2nd Saturday of May & October**. The day aims to create awareness about the importance of the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.
The theme of the World Migratory Bird Day 2021 is "**Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird! "**

19. When was the World Portuguese Language Day observed for the 1st time?
1) 5th May 2018
2) 7th May 2020
3) 6th May 2019
4) 5th May 2020
5) 7th May 2019
Answer- **4) 5th May 2020**
Explanation:
World Portuguese Language Day is annually observed across the globe on 5th May to celebrate the Portuguese language and Lusophone cultures. The first World Portuguese Language Day was observed on 5th May 2020.

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20. When is the Coal Miners Day annually observed?
1) 5th May
2) 7th May
3) 6th May
4) 8th May
5) 4th May
Answer- **5) 4th May**
Explanation:
The Coal Miners Day is annually observed across the globe on 4th May to recognise the hard work of the professionals and the Miners working in the coalfields.

21. When is the "Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War" annually observed by the UN?
1) 8th & 9th May
2) 9th & 10th May
3) 10th & 11th May
4) 7th & 8th May
5) 7th, 8th & 9th May
Answer- **1) 8th & 9th May**
Explanation:
The United Nations(UN) annually marks **May 8th-9th** as the **Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War** to create awareness about the misfortune of war and to pay tribute to all the victims of World War II(WWII).
i.The UN annually observed **either one or both days** to pay tribute to the victims of WWII.

22. To observe the Success of the Pokhran Nuclear test, India annually observes the National Technology Day.
Which are the points that are correctly related to National Technology Day?
A) National Technology Day is annually celebrated on 11th of May
B) Theme for 2021 is "Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future"
C) In Pokhran Nuclear tests, a series of 5 nuclear tests were conducted by India under Operation Vijay
1) Only C
2) Only B & C
3) Only A & C
4) All A, B & C
5) Only A & B
Answer- **5) Only A & B**
Explanation:
The National Technology Day is annually observed across India on **11th May** to celebrate India's major advancement in the field of Science and Technology.
i.The day marks the anniversary of the 1998 Pokhran Nuclear tests, a series of 5 nuclear tests conducted by India under **Operation Shakti** at Pokhran test range, Rajasthan.
ii. The theme of National Technology Day 2021 is **"Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future"**.

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23. Annually, May 12 is celebrated across the globe as International Nurses Day (IND). Identify the points that are correctly related to IND:
A) Birth anniversary of Mother Theresa was chosen as the International Nurses Day
B) The theme of IND 2021 is Nurses: A Voice to Lead – A vision for future healthcare
C) Globally more than 50% of the health care workers are Nurses
1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only A
4) Only A & C
5) Only A & B
Answer- **2) Only B & C**
Explanation:
The International Nurses Day (IND) is annually celebrated across the globe on **May 12** to highlight the importance of nurses in healthcare and to appreciate their work towards healthcare.
i.The International Nurses Day marks the birth anniversary of **Florence Nightingale**.
ii. The theme of IND 2021 is **Nurses: A Voice to Lead – A vision for future healthcare**.
iii. According to WHO, Nurses account for more than **50%** of the world's healthcare workers.

24. To recognise the importance of the Argan Tree, the UN for the 1st time observed the International Day of Argania in 2021. When was it observed?
1) 12th May
2) 13th May
3) 10th May
4) 11th May
5) 14th May
Answer- **3) 10th May**
Explanation:
The United Nations (UN) first International Day of Argania was observed on 10th May 2021 to recognise the importance of the Argan tree in achieving the 3 dimensions (Economic, Social and Environmental) of sustainable development at the local level.

25. What is the theme of 2021's International Day of Families that is annually observed on 15th May?
1) Families in Development: Copenhagen & Beijing+25
2) Families and New Technologies
3) Families, education and well-being
4) Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG 13
5) Families and inclusive societies
Answer- **2) Families and New Technologies**
Explanation:
The International Day of Families is annually observed across the globe on **15th May** to promote the awareness of the issues related to families and to educate the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families.
Theme of 2021 - **"Families and New Technologies"**

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26. 2021's United Nations Global Road Safety Week (UNGRSW) is observed between 17th to 23rd May.
What are the points that are correctly related to the UNGRSW?
A) Under this a global road safety campaign is annually hosted by the World Health Organisation
B) It is observed under the theme "Anyone can be a road safety leader"
C) UNGRSW mandates 30Km/hr as the nominal speed limit for cities across the world
1) All A, B & C
2) Only A & C
3) Only C
4) Only B & C
5) Only A & B
Answer- **2) Only A & C**
Explanation:
United Nations **Global Road Safety Week** (UNGRSW) is a biennial global road safety campaign hosted by the World Health Organisation(**WHO**). The day aims to create awareness of road safety and make changes that will reduce the number of road deaths.
i.The Global Road Safety Week 2021 observed from **17th to 23rd May 2021** marks the 6th UNGRSW.
ii. Theme of 2021 - **"Streets for Life #Love30",** which calls for **30 km/hr** default speed limits where people and vehicles mix.

27. When was the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) annually observed?
1) 18th May
2) 15th May
3) 16th May
4) 14th May
5) 17th May
Answer- **5) 17th May**
Explanation:
Every year on **17th May** is celebrated as World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) throughout the world.
Theme of 2021 : **"Accelerating digital transformation in challenging times"**.
About International Telecommunication Union(ITU):
Establishment: 1865
Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.

28. What is the theme of 2021's International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOTB) that is annually observed across the globe on 17th May?
1) Together: Resisting, Supporting, Healing!
2) Sexual diversity
3) Advocacy, Celebration, Education and Solidarity
4) Alliances for Solidarity
5) Breaking the Silence
Answer- **1) Together: Resisting, Supporting, Healing!**

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Explanation:
The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOTB) is annually observed across the globe on **17th May** to commemorate the World Health Organization(WHO)'s decision to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder in 1990.
The theme of the 2021 IDAHOTB is **"Together: Resisting, Supporting, Healing!".**

29. Annually, World Hypertension day is observed on _____ to create awareness about human blood pressure, which is measured to be _____under normal conditions.
1) May 17, 130/80 mm Hg
2) May 17, 120/80 mm Hg
3) May 16, 130/80 mm Hg
4) May 16, 120/80 mm Hg
5) May 16, 140/90 mm Hg
Answer- **2) May 17, 120/80 mm Hg**
Explanation:
World Hypertension day is celebrated annually on **May 17** to raise awareness about the symptoms of hypertension to prevent and control it.
i.The theme for 2021: '**Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer**'
ii. Normal BP is **120/80 mm Hg**. High BP is defined by a level greater than 130/80 mm Hg or 140/90 mm Hg.

30. When is the International Day of Living Together in Peace annually observed by the United Nations?
1) 18th May
2) 15th May
3) 16th May
4) 14th May
5) 17th May
Answer- **3) 16th May**
Explanation:
The United Nations(UN)'s International Day of Living Together in Peace is annually observed across the globe on **May 16** to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity.

31. _____ is observed as the National Dengue Day by India's Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to create awareness about the _____ disease.
1) 16th May, Parasitic
2) 15th May, Bacterial
3) 15th May, Parasitic
4) 16th May, Viral
5) 16th May, Bacterial
Answer- **4) 16th May, Viral**
Explanation:
The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare observes **May 16 as 'National Dengue Day'** annually across the country to create awareness about measures on dengue prevention and to control the **Viral disease** that is spread by a specific mosquito called **Aedes Aegypti**.

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32. When is the International Day of Light annually observed across the globe?
1) 18th May
2) 15th May
3) 16th May
4) 14th May
5) 17th May
Answer- **3) 16th May**
Explanation:
The International Day of Light(IDL) is annually observed across the globe on **16th May** to celebrate the role of lights in science, culture and art, education and sustainable development, medicine, communications, and energy.

33. What is the theme of 2021's World Agri-Tourism Day that is annually observed on 16th of May?
1) Rural Women Sustainable Entrepreneurship Opportunities through Agri
2) Preserve Rural Culture & Heritage
3) Tourism and Jobs: a better future for all
4) Tourism and Rural development
5) Tourism and the Digital Transformation
Answer- **1) Rural Women Sustainable Entrepreneurship Opportunities through Agri**
Explanation:
The World Agri-Tourism Day is annually observed across the globe on **16th May** to promote Agritourism. The day aims to educate the tourists on how agricultural activities are done in farms.
i.The theme of the conference is – **"Rural Women Sustainable Entrepreneurship Opportunities through Agri"**

34. When is the World AIDS Vaccine Day annually observed?
1) 15th May
2) 17th May
3) 19th May
4) 18th May
5) 16th May
Answer- **4) 18th May**
Explanation:
World AIDS Vaccine Day is annually observed across the globe on **18th May** to create awareness about the requirement of HIV (**Human Immunodeficiency Virus**) vaccines to prevent HIV infection and AIDS.
i.HIV is a virus that attacks the immune system of the body, which leads to AIDS (**Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome**).

35. What is the theme of 2021's International Museum Day that is annually celebrated across the globe on 18th May?
1) The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine
2) Museums and Contested Histories: Saying the unspeakable in museums
3) Hyper connected Museums: New approaches, new publics
4) Museums as Cultural Hubs: The future of tradition
5) Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion

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Answer- **1) The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine**

Explanation:

The International Museum Day is annually observed across the globe on **18th May** to create awareness on the importance of museums towards the development of society.

Theme of 2021 - **"The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine"**

36. Annually the United Nation celebrates World Bee Day to highlight the importance of pollinators in the ecosystem.

Identify the points that are correctly related to World Bee Day:

A) World Bee Day is celebrated on 20th of May every year

B) In 2021, Food and Agriculture Organization(FAO) conducted a virtual event under the theme "Bee engaged – Build Back Better for Bees"

C) UNGA designated 2021 as the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables(IYFV)

1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only A
4) Only A & C
5) Only A & B

Answer- **1) All A, B & C**

Explanation:

United Nations(UN)'s **World Bee Day** is annually observed across the globe on **20th May** to create awareness on the importance of bees and other pollinators and the threats faced by them and highlights their contribution towards sustainable development.

i.As a part of the celebration of World Bee Day 2021, The Food and Agriculture Organization(**FAO**) of the United Nations has organised a virtual event under the theme **"Bee engaged – Build Back Better for Bees"**.

ii. The UNGA has designated the year 2021 as the **International Year of Fruits and Vegetables(IYFV).**

iii. Pollinators are responsible for the increase in production of fruits, berries and seeds along with the quality of the products.

37. What is the theme of 2021's World Metrology Day that is annually observed on 20th of May?

1) Measurement of Health
2) Weather-Ready, Climate-Smart
3) Measurements for Transport
4) The International System of Units – Fundamentally Better
5) Measurements for Global Trade

Answer- **1) Measurement of Health**

Explanation:

World Metrology Day (WMD) is annually observed across the globe on 20th May to celebrate the International system of Unit. The day marks the annual celebration of the signing of the Metre Convention on 20 May 1875 in Paris, France by 17 nations.

The theme for World Metrology Day 2021 is **"Measurement for Health".**

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38. Annually, International Tea Day is observed by the United Nations to showcase the cultural heritage, health benefits and economic importance of tea. When was the 1st UN International Tea Day Celebrated?

1) 21st May 2020
2) 19th May 2011
3) 21st May 2015
4) 21st May 2011
5) 19th May 2020

Answer- **1) 21st May 2020**

Explanation:

The **United Nations International Tea Day** is annually observed across the globe on **21st May** to celebrate the cultural heritage, health benefits and economic importance of tea.

i.The **first International Tea Day** was observed on **21st May 2020.**

ii.Assam is the largest producer of tea in India.

39. When is the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development annually observed by the United Nations?

1) 19th May
2) 21st May
3) 22nd May
4) 20th May
5) 18th May

Answer- **2) 21st May**

Explanation:

The United Nations(UN)'s World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is observed annually across the globe on 21st May to provide an opportunity to provide understanding on the values of cultural diversity.

40. What is the theme of International Day for Biological Diversity that is annually observed across the globe by the United Nations on 22nd May?

1) Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism
2) Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity
3) We're Part of the Solution
4) Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health
5) Our Solutions Are In Nature

Answer- **3) We're Part of the Solution**

Explanation:

The United Nations(UN)'s **International Day for Biological Diversity** is annually observed across the globe on **22nd May** to create awareness of biodiversity issues and provide a better understanding of the importance of biodiversity as a global asset of high value to the future generation.

Theme of 2021 - **"We're part of the solution"**

41. Annually, India observes May 21st as the Anti-Terrorism Day, to mark _____

1) 26/11 Mumbai Terror Attack
2) Assassination of Rajiv Gandhi
3) 2001 Parliament attack

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4) Assassination of Mahatma Gandhi
5) Assassination of Indira Gandhi
Answer- **2) Assassination of Rajiv Gandhi**
Explanation:
Anti-Terrorism Day is annually observed across India on **21st May** to wean away youth from terrorism and to highlight the suffering of the common public and its effect on the national interest.
The day marks the **1991 assassination** of former Indian Prime Minister **Rajiv Gandhi.**

42. When was the 2021's Endangered Species Day observed?
1) 20th May 2021
2) 23rd May 2021
3) 22nd May 2021
4) 19th May 2021
5) 21st May 2021
Answer- **5) 21st May 2021**
Explanation:
The Endangered Species Day is annually observed across the globe on the **third Friday of May** to recognise the animals across the globe which are in need of protection and conservation efforts. It was observed on **21st May 2021**.

43. What is the theme of 2021's World Turtle day that is annually celebrated on 23rd May?
1) Conserve Deep Sea Giants
2) Turtles! Since the Time of Dinosaurs
3) Turtle Rocks!
4) Celebrate World Sea Turtle Day!
5) Plastic Free Ocean Conservation
Answer- **3) Turtle Rocks!**
Explanation:
World Turtle Day is annually observed across the globe on **23rd May** to support the people to celebrate and protect the tortoise and turtles and their habitats across the globe. 23rd May 2021 marks the observance of the 21st World Turtle Day.
The theme of World Turtle Day 2021 is **"Turtle Rocks!"**

44. When is the UN International Day to End Obstetric Fistula annually observed?
1) 25th May
2) 20th May
3) 22nd May
4) 23rd May
5) 21st May
Answer- **4) 23rd May**
Explanation:
The **UN International Day to End Obstetric Fistula** is annually observed across the globe on **23 May** to create awareness and intensify the actions towards ending obstetric fistula.
i.Obstetric Fistula is one of the most serious and tragic childbirth injuries caused by prolonged obstructed labour without access to timely medical treatment.
ii. Theme of 2021 is **"Women's rights are human rights! End fistula now!"**

45. Annually, _____ is observed as World Thyroid Day to create awareness about Thyroid disease caused by the hormonal imbalance in the _____ shaped gland present in the neck.
1) 24th May, Leaf
2) 25th May, Oval
3) 24th May, Oval
4) 25th May, Butterfly
5) 23rd May, Butterfly
Answer- **4) 25th May, Butterfly**
Explanation:
World Thyroid Day is annually observed across the globe on **25th May** to create awareness about the importance of Thyroid and educate about the prevention and treatment of Thyroid diseases.
Hyperthyroidism is a condition where the gland produces too much thyroid hormone leading to swelling of the thyroid gland, a **butterfly-shaped gland** in the front of the neck.

46. When is the International Missing Children's Day(IMCD) annually celebrated?
1) 21th May
2) 22nd May
3) 25th May
4) 24th May
5) 23rd May
Answer- **3) 25th May**
Explanation:
International Missing Children's Day(IMCD) is annually observed across the globe on **25th May** to create awareness about the issues of child abduction and educate the parents about the measures to protect and safeguard their children.
'Forget me not flower' is the official emblem of the International Missing Children's Day.

47. Vesak Day or Buddha Purnima is annually celebrated across the globe on the full moon day of the Hindu Month Vaisakha. Buddha Purnima marks which event of Buddha's life?
1) Birth
2) Great Renunciation
3) Enlightenment
4) First Sermon
5) Death/Nirvana
Answer- **1) Birth**
Explanation:
Vesak Day also known as **Buddha Purnima**, the **birth anniversary of Lord Gautama Buddha**, the founder of Buddhism, is annually celebrated across the globe on the full moon day of the Hindu Month Vaisakha.
Buddha Purnima 2021 falls on 26th May 2021.

48. When is the International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories annually observed by the UN?
1) Last Week of May
2) 20-26 May
3) 18-24 May

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4) 25-31 May
5) Third Week of May
Answer- **4) 25-31 May**
Explanation:
UN's **International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories** is annually observed across the globe from **25th to 31st May**.
i.The week was first observed in 2000.

49. What is the theme of 2021's Menstrual Hygiene Day which is annually observed across the globe on 28th of May?
1) #NoMoreLimits – Empowering Women and Girls Through Good Menstrual Hygiene
2) To Bleed without Violence
3) Periods in Pandemic
4) Action and Investment in Menstrual Hygiene and Health
5) It's time for Action
Answer- **4) Action and Investment in Menstrual Hygiene and Health**
Explanation:
Menstrual Hygiene Day is annually observed across the globe on **28th May** to educate the importance of Menstrual hygiene. The day aims to promote menstrual health and hygiene for all women and girls.
The theme of 2021 Menstrual Hygiene Day is **"Action and Investment in Menstrual Hygiene and Health."**

50. When is the International Day of Action for Women's Health or International Women's Health Day annually observed?
1) 26th May
2) 27th May
3) 29th May
4) 25th May
5) 28th May
Answer- **5) 28th May**
Explanation:
International Day of Action for Women's Health or International Women's Health Day is annually observed across the globe on **28th May** to create awareness about the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) movement across the globe.
The theme of the International Day of Action for Women's Health 2021 campaign is **"Women's Health Matters: Ending the Inequality Pandemic and Ensuring SRHR remains essential!".**

51. What is the theme of 2021's World Hunger Day that is annually observed across the globe on 28th of May?
1) Climate is changing. Food and agriculture must too.
2) Change the future of migration
3) Access Ends Hunger
4) Grow, nourish, sustain. Together. Our actions are our future
5) Healthy Diets For A #ZeroHunger World
Answer- **3) Access Ends Hunger**

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Explanation:
World Hunger Day is annually observed across the globe on **28th May** to create awareness about the 815 million people across the globe who are living in chronic hunger. The day also aims to celebrate the sustainable solution to hunger and poverty.
The theme of World Hunger Day 2021 is "**Access Ends Hunger**".

52. Annually, International Day of UN Peacekeepers is observed by the UN on _____, where India's _____ was honoured with the Dag Hammarskjold Medal
1) 27th May; Corporal Yuvraj Singh
2) 28th May; T. S. Tirumurti
3) 28th May; Corporal Yuvraj Singh
4) 29th May; T. S. Tirumurti
5) 29th May; Corporal Yuvraj Singh
Answer- **5) 29th May; Corporal Yuvraj Singh**
Explanation:
The United Nations(UN)'s International Day of UN Peacekeepers is annually observed across the globe on **29th May** to pay tribute to the uniformed and civilian personnel contribution towards the UN
i.Theme of 2021 - "The road to a lasting peace: Leveraging the power of youth for peace and security"
ii.3 Indian peacekeepers – **Corporal Yuvraj Singh** who served with UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and 2 civilian peacekeepers Ivan Michael Picardo and Mulchand Yadav – were honoured with the **Dag Hammarskjold Medal**

53. What is the theme of 2021's World Digestive Health Day that is annually observed on 29th May?
1) Inflammatory Bowel Disease: A Never Ending Pandemic
2) Viral Hepatitis, B and C: Lifting the Global Burden
3) Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Gastrointestinal (GI) Cancer
4) Gut Microbiome: A Global Perspective
5) Obesity: An Ongoing Pandemic
Answer- **5) Obesity: An Ongoing Pandemic**
Explanation:
The **World Digestive Health Day**(WDHD) is annually observed across the globe on **29th May** by the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO). The day focuses on digestive disease with an aim to increase general public awareness on it.
i.The theme of World Digestive Health Day 2021 is "**Obesity: An Ongoing Pandemic**"

54. When is the International Everest Day annually observed?
1) 30th May
2) 28th May
3) 26th May
4) 29th May
5) 27th May
Answer- **4) 29th May**

Explanation:
International Everest Day is annually observed across the globe on **29th May** to mark the first summit of Mount Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa of Nepal on 29th May 1953.

ENVIRONMENT

1. In which state were the 2 new species of Dragonfly- Euphaea thosegharensis & Euphaea pseudodispar discovered?
1) Tamil Nadu
2) Arunachal Pradesh
3) Kerala
4) Maharashtra
5) Goa
Answer- **4) Maharashtra**
Explanation:
Researchers discovered two new species of Damselfly endemic to the Western Ghats in Satara District in Maharashtra. The new species are named "Euphaea thosegharensis" after the place Thoseghar and "Euphaea pseudodispar" The discovery has been published in 'Journal of Threatened Taxa'.

2. Where was the new species of white-toothed shrew 'Crocidura narcondamica' discovered?
1) Lakshadweep
2) Jharkhand
3) Madhya Pradesh
4) Andaman & Nicobar
5) Kerala
Answer- **4) Andaman & Nicobar**
Explanation:
Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) Scientists have discovered a white-toothed shrew, a new species of insectivorous mammal from Narcondam Island (volcanic island) of the Andaman and Nicobar group of islands and named the species as Crocidura narcondamica

3. In Maharashtra, scientists discovered 2 new species of _____ named Bolboceras bopdevense & Bolboceras trimbakense.
1) Cricket
2) Beetle
3) Butterfly
4) Dragonfly
5) Rat
Answer- **2) Beetle**
Explanation:
Two dung eating beetle species, Bolboceras bopdevense & Bolboceras trimbakense have been discovered by the scientists at Pune's Bopdev ghat and Trimbakeshwar in Nashik respectively.

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4. Xylophis Deepaki, a new species of _____ was discovered in Western Ghats from Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu.

1) Beetle
2) Butterfly
3) Frog
4) Snake
5) Ant-eater

Answer- **4) Snake**

Explanation:

Xylophis Deepaki, a new species of tiny Snake was discovered in the Western Ghats from Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu. The new species is named after Indian Herpetologist Deepak Veerappan to honour for his contributions.

5. Where did researchers discover a new species of bryophyte called "Bryocrumia malabarica"?

1) Maharashtra
2) Kerala
3) Goa
4) Karnataka
5) Tamil Nadu

Answer- **2) Kerala**

Explanation:

A team of botanists led by Manju C Nair discovered a new species of bryophyte in the Malabar Wildlife sanctuary along the **Western Ghats in Kerala.** The new species is named "**Bryocrumia malabarica**" of the genus Bryocrumia, and is named after the **Malabar region** where it was spotted.

6. In May 2021, The Five Deeps Expedition measured the extreme depths of the World's 5 Oceans. Select the ocean with the incorrect deepest point on it.

1) Atlantic Ocean - Puerto Rico Trench
2) Antarctic Ocean - South Sandwich Trench
3) Indian Ocean - Java Trench
4) Pacific Ocean - Tonga Trench
5) Arctic Ocean - Molloy Hole

Answer- **4) Pacific Ocean - Tonga Trench**

Explanation:

The Five Deeps Expedition has measured the extreme depths of the World's 5 Oceans – Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic & Southern Ocean (also known as Antarctic ocean).

i.Atlantic Ocean – Brownson Deep (8, 378 m) in Puerto Rico Trench
ii.Southern Ocean – Factorian Deep (7, 432 m) in South Sandwich Trench
iii.Indian Ocean – Unnamed Deep (7, 187 m) in Java Trench
iv.Pacific Ocean – Challenger Deep (10, 924 m) in Mariana Trench
v.Arctic Ocean – Molloy Hole (5, 551 m)

Note - Horizon Deep (10, 816 m) in the Tonga Trench, Pacific Ocean is the 2nd deepest point in the world.

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7. Where was the new species of Asian gracile skink called "Subdoluseps nilgiriensis" discovered?

1) Mahendragiri Hills, Odisha
2) Nilgiris Hills, Tamil Nadu
3) Cardamom Hills, Kerala
4) Agasthyamalai, Kerala
5) Pothigai Hills, Tamil Nadu

Answer- **2) Nilgiris Hills, Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

A group of herpetologists gathered for the South Asian Reptile Red List Assessment organised by the International Union for Conservation of Nature(IUCN) discovered a new species of **Asian gracile skink** from the **Nilgiri Hills** (Western Ghats) Tamil Nadu. The new species has been named – **Subdoluseps nilgiriensis** – after Nilgiris.

8. Identify the points that are correctly related to the recent hit 'extremely severe cyclonic storm' – 'Tauktae':

A) Tauktae made landfall in Odisha coast near Bhubaneswar
B) Cyclones in the Northern Indian Ocean Region (IOR) are named by a panel consisting of 13 countries including India, Pakistan & Bangladesh
C) Cyclone 'Tauktae' was named by Myanmar

1) Only C
2) Only B & C
3) Only A
4) Only A & B
5) Only B

Answer- **2) Only B & C**

Explanation:

Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) stated that the 'extremely severe cyclonic storm' – **'Tauktae'** made landfall in the Saurashtra region of **Gujarat from Arabian Sea.**

i.The name **'Tauktae'** for the cyclone has been given by **Myanmar**.

ii. Cyclones across the globe are named by a special group consisting of World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), UN ESCAP & Regional Specialised Meteorological Centres (RSMC).

iii.IMD is among the Six **RSMCs** in the world.

iv. Cyclones in the Northern Indian Ocean Region (IOR) are named by a panel consisting of **13 countries** including India, Pakistan & Bangladesh.

9. According to the 'Protected Planet Report 2020', around 21 million square kms have been added within the Protected & Conserved Areas of the world since 2010.
Identify the points that are correctly related to the report:

A) The 'Protected Planet Report' is annually released by UNESCO
B) As per the report, the World is near to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, which was set in 2010
C) Data related to Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECM) were included in the report for the 1st time

1) All A, B & C
2) Only B

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3) Only A & C
4) Only B & C
5) Only A & B
Answer- **4) Only B & C**
Explanation:
According to the **'Protected Planet Report 2020'** released by UNEP – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (**UNEP-WCMC**) and **IUCN**, around **21 million square kms** have been added within the Protected & Conserved Areas of the world since 2010.
i.It brings the total percentage of earth's land which is protected/conserved is close to 64%, which is just a fraction short of the **Aichi Biodiversity Target** 11, which was set during the **2010** Convention on Biological Diversity conference held in Japan's Aichi.
ii. For the 1st time, the report includes data on Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (**OECM**).

10. Where did researchers discover a new species of raver snake called "Platyceps Josephi"?
1) Vadakara, Kerala
2) Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu
3) Hampi, Karnataka
4) Ongole, Andhra Pradesh
5) Karimnagar, Telangana
Answer- **2) Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu**
Explanation:
An international team of researchers has discovered a new species of raver snake from **Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu**. The new species Platyceps josephi is named after late Herpetologist Naveen Joseph.

11. Where did researchers discover a new species of African Violet plant "Didymocarpus vickifunkiae"?
1) Andaman & Nicobar
2) Kerala
3) Uttarakhand
4) West Bengal
5) Mizoram
Answer- **5) Mizoram**
Explanation:
Researchers from the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh have discovered a new species Didymocarpus vickifunkiae of the African Violet plant from **Mizoram** and adjacent areas in Myanmar.

12. Name the Very Severe Cyclone that hit Balasore region of Odisha in May 2021.
1) Nisarga
2) Tauktae
3) Burevi
4) Amphan
5) Yaas
Answer- **5) Yaas**

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Explanation:
Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) stated that the **'very severe cyclonic storm' – Yaas** made landfall south of the Balasore region of Odisha with wind speeds of 130-140 kmph. The cyclone originated from the Bay of Bengal. Cyclone Yaas was named by Oman

APP and WEB PORTAL

1. Which organisation partnered with Indian Govt. to launch 'Vaccine Finder Tool' in its mobile application?
1) Byju's
2) Amazon
3) Facebook
4) Flipkart
5) Paytm
Answer- **3) Facebook**
Explanation:
Facebook partnered with the Government of India to launch the **Vaccine Finder Tool** on the Facebook Mobile app in India. The app available in 17 languages, will enable the public to locate the nearby place to get vaccinated.

2. Which organisation that launched 'ID-Art' Mobile App to help identify the stolen artefacts?
1) Archaeological Survey of India
2) UNESCO
3) Intelligence Bureau
4) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence
5) INTERPOL
Answer- **5) INTERPOL**
Explanation:
International Criminal Police Organization (**INTERPOL**) has launched a Mobile Application (app) – **'ID-Art'** which will help to identify the stolen cultural property, reduce smuggling and increase the possibility of recovering stolen works and artefacts.
i.INTERPOL is headquartered at **Lyon, France.**

3. What is the utility of the 'Dost For Life' mobile app launched by CBSE?
1) Teachers skill development modules
2) Assistance to Physically disabled students
3) Online Physical Education Class for students
4) Conduct online exams for students
5) Live Counselling to students
Answer- **5) Live Counselling to students**
Explanation:
The Central Board of Secondary Education(CBSE) has launched an app called **'Dost For Life'** to maintain psycho-social wellness during Covid-19. The app will be available for students from classes 9 to 12 for engaging in **live counselling sessions** with trained counsellors/principals

4. Which state govt. inaugurated (in May'21) a web portal called "CGTeeka" to facilitate ease of registration process for COVID-19 vaccination?

1) Gujarat
2) Chhattisgarh
3) Punjab
4) Assam
5) Rajasthan

Answer- **2) Chhattisgarh**

Explanation:

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, inaugurated **"CGTeeka"** web portal over a virtual platform from Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The 'CGTeeka' portal will make the process of **registration for the COVID-19 vaccination** convenient for every section of society. The portal was developed by the Chhattisgarh Infotech Promotion Society (**CHIPS**).

5. What is the Objective of the 'Defence National OPD' service that is launched in e-Sanjeevani Portal?

1) Free Covid-19 vaccines to Defence personnels
2) Online registration to get vaccinated
3) Free online medical consultations
4) Outpatient Service for Ex-Defence officers
5) Free health insurance for Indian citizens

Answer- **3) Free online medical consultations**

Explanation:

'Defence National OPD' was launched in **e-Sanjeevani Portal**. Earlier, 'Defence National OPD' was launched as 'Ex-Defence OPD' on 07 May 2021 in a phased manner in 3 States (Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand).

Objective - It facilitates **free online medical consultation** to all citizens of India, as well as provides for online prescription of medicines.

6. Which state provides home delivery of fresh vegetables when ordered through its mobile app "MOMA Market"?

1) Manipur
2) Tamil Nadu
3) Maharashtra
4) Madhya Pradesh
5) Telangana

Answer- **1) Manipur**

Explanation:

N Biren Singh, Chief Minister of **Manipur** launched the **MOMA Market** Mobile application to solve the issues of home delivery of fresh vegetables. The application was introduced by the Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA), Department of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Manipur.

7. In May 2021, Supreme Court of India launched a mobile app to virtually participate in the court proceedings. Who are the special group of people covered under this process?

1) Police
2) Politician

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3) Journalist
4) Higher Government Officials
5) Member of Parliaments
Answer- **3) Journalist**
Explanation:
Due to Covid-19, the Supreme Court came up with a mobile app to enable **journalists** to report virtual proceedings without having to visit court premises.

8. Name the mobile app launched by Bihar to monitor COVID-19 patients who are in home isolation
1) Fly Covid
2) CoTracker
3) HIT Covid
4) CoMonitor
5) Monitor CoHIT
Answer- **3) HIT Covid**
Explanation:
Nitish Kumar, Chief Minister (CM) of **Bihar** launched the **"HIT (Home Isolation Tracking) Covid App"** to monitor and track the COVID-19 patients who are in home isolation across Bihar on a regular basis.

9. Which organisation developed the "Jagrut Tripura" platform that provides access to various Central & State government schemes to the people of Tripura?
1) National Informatics Centre
2) MeitY
3) EasyGov
4) Certin
5) TCS e-Serve
Answer- **3) EasyGov**
Explanation:
Tripura government has launched a New App named **Jagrut Tripura** where people get to know about various **Central Government and State Government Schemes** and can avail the scheme if they are eligible.
The project was developed by **EasyGov**, a Jio Group company, and it will be available to all the residents of Tripura.

10. Which state launched the "Amrit Vahini" app to enable citizens book hospital beds for COVID-19 treatment?
1) West Bengal
2) Haryana
3) Jharkhand
4) Chhattisgarh
5) Odisha
Answer- **3) Jharkhand**

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Explanation:
Hemant Soren Chief Minister of **Jharkhand** launched the **'Amrit Vahini'** App and Website which enables people to book a hospital bed online. He also launched a "**Chatboat App**" which can provide all the information related to coronavirus.

11. Which Ministry launched the 2 new apps - National Mobile Monitoring Software app (NMMS) & Area officer monitoring App?
1) Ministry of Women and Child Development
2) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
3) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
4) Ministry of Railways
5) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Answer- **5) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare**
Explanation:
Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, **Narendra Singh Tomar**, virtually launched the National Mobile Monitoring Software app (**NMMS**) & **Area officer monitoring App** for monitoring the **MGNREGS** (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme) worksites.

12. In May 2021, the e-Committee of the Supreme Court of India released the manual of e-Courts Services Mobile App in 14 regional languages.
What are the points that are correctly related to the e-Courts Services Mobile App?
A) e-Courts Services Mobile App is an Electronic Case Management Tool (ECMT) launched in 2017
B) Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud is the chairperson of e-Committee
C) All details of cases handled only in Supreme Court of India is available in the App
1) All A, B & C
2) Only B
3) Only A & C
4) Only B & C
5) Only A & B
Answer- **5) Only A & B**
Explanation:
The Supreme Court's e-Committee released the manual for its free **e-Courts Services Mobile App** in 14 regional languages.
i.Supreme Court of India's Judge, Justice **Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud** is the **Chairperson** of e-Committee
ii.e-Courts Services Mobile App is an **Electronic Case Management Tool (ECMT)** launched in **2017**. All e-Courts services are interlinked with the app.
iii. They can also get the case status and case details of both **High Courts and District Courts.**

13. Microsoft announced the retirement of Internet Explorer web browser on _____.
1) 15th June 2021
2) 31st July 2025
3) 15th June 2025
4) 31st July 2021
5) 15th June 2022

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Answer- **5) 15th June 2022**

Explanation:

Microsoft has announced that its **Internet Explorer** 11 desktop application will **retire** and go out of support on **15th June 2022** for certain versions of Windows 10. Internet Explorer was launched in **1995**.

14. The 1st phase of the 'Ministry of Corporate Affairs 21 Version 3.0 (MCA21 V3.0)' portal was launched in May 2021.

Identify the points that are correctly related to MCA21 portal & the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA):

A) In MCA21 V3.0, many new features including e-book & e-consultation facilities were included

B) MCA21, the e-governance project of MCA was launched in 2006

C) MCA is responsible for supervising the functionings of Comptroller & Auditor General of India

1) Only B & C
2) Only A & B
3) Only C
4) Only B
5) Only A & C

Answer- **2) Only A & B**

Explanation:

Minister of State for Corporate Affairs Anurag Singh Thakur virtually launched the 1st phase of the **'Ministry of Corporate Affairs 21 Version 3.0 (MCA21 V3.0)' portal**.

i.New Services:

- New **email services** for MCA Officers
- **e-Book:** Provides updated legislation along with a tracking mechanism
- **e-Consultation:** Receives public consultation on proposed amendments and draft rules

ii.MCA21 is an e-Governance project of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) launched in **2006**.

iii.MCA supervises three professional bodies: Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), and Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI).

15. Which country launched "UNITE AWARE", a new mobile app for improving the safety & security of the UN Peacekeeping Force?

1) China
2) Germany
3) India
4) France
5) USA

Answer- **3) India**

Explanation:

India will launch '**UNITE AWARE**', a mobile tech platform for the **United Nations Peacekeepers** to improve their safety and security in the line of duty. It will be launched during India's United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Presidency term in August 2021.

i.UNITED AWARE will increase the situational awareness of the peacekeepers by providing **terrain-related information**.

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16. Who will be serviced through the 'Services e-Health Assistance & Tele-consultation – Outpatient Department (SeHAT OPD)' Portal?

1) Citizen of India
2) Students Community
3) Police & Journalists
4) Armed Force Personnel
5) All Government Servants

Answer- **4) Armed Force Personnel**

Explanation:

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually launched **'Services e-Health Assistance & Tele-consultation – Outpatient Department (SeHAT OPD)' Portal** (https://sehatopd.in/). It is an online medical consultation service for Armed Forces Personnel, veterans of Armed Forces and their families.

i.It is based on **'eSanjeevani OPD'**, Government of India's flagship telemedicine technology.

17. In May 2021, 'Akanksha' a 1st of its kind online portal on Corporate Social Responsibility(CSR) activities was launched.

What are the points that are correctly related to the portal?

A) Maharashtra state launched this app, facilitating all CSR activities of the state in a single portal

B) The portal was developed in collaboration with UNDP's Sustainable Development Goals Coordination Centre (SDGCC)

C) Companies should spend at least 2% of average net profits of 3 immediately preceding financial years on CSR

1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only A & B
4) Only C
5) Only B

Answer- **2) Only B & C**

Explanation:

Karnataka CM B S Yediyurappa, launched an online portal named **'Akanksha'** to provide comprehensive details on all the **Corporate Social Responsibility(CSR)** activities in the state. It is the first of its kind initiative in India.

i.The portal was developed by the Department of Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics, Karnataka in collaboration with **UNDP's** Sustainable Development Goals Coordination Centre (**SDGCC**).

i.India is the 1st country to legally mandate corporate social responsibility.

iii. At least **2% of average net profits of 3** immediately preceding **financial years** should be spent by the companies on CSR.

18. In May 2021, the 3rd version of Sanjivani App and the ACCR portal were added as a part of the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM).

Identify the points that are incorrect with respect to the web portals:

A) "Advanced Clinical Case Repository" portal is the acronym of ACCR portal

B) ACCR Portal will help in collecting information on how Ayush practitioners responded to the COVID-19 pandemic

C) 3rd version of Sanjivani App will document selected AYUSH interventions in COVID-19 treatments

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1) Only B & C
2) Only A
3) Only C
4) Only B
5) Only A & C

Answer- **2) Only A**

Explanation:

Minister of State (Independent Charge) for **AYUSH** (Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy) Kiren Rijiju virtually launched the **'Ayush Clinical Case Repository (ACCR)' Portal** (https://accr.ayush.gov.in/) and **3rd version of Sanjivani App**.

i.The ACCR Portal will help in collecting information on how **Ayush practitioners responded to the COVID-19** pandemic.

ii. The 3rd version of the Ayush Sanjivani App will facilitate the **study and documentation of the effectiveness of selected Ayush interventions** in the treatment of COVID-19 patients.

iii. The portal and app are part of the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM).

19. Which state recently (in May'21) launched the MHIM mobile app for real time monitoring of COVID-19 patients under home isolation?

1) Manipur
2) Maharashtra
3) Meghalaya
4) Mizoram
5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **1) Manipur**

Explanation:

Manipur Chief Minister(CM) N. Biren Singh launched **Manipur Home Isolation Management (MHIM) Mobile Application** for home isolation patients. To monitor real time health data and information of Home Isolation COVID-19 patients.

20. Who launched the DG NCC Mobile Training App Version 2.0?

1) Shripad Yesso Naik
2) Ajay Kumar
3) Rajnath Singh
4) Tessy Thomas
5) Tarun Kumar Aich

Answer- **2) Ajay Kumar**

Explanation:

Directorate General National Cadet Corps (DG NCC) Mobile Training Application Version 2.0 was launched by the Defence Secretary Dr **Ajay Kumar** in New Delhi.

i.This app will help in conducting countrywide online training to the NCC cadets.

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CURRENT STATIC BANKING

1. When was International Finance Corporation (IFC) established?
1) 1943
2) 1945
3) 1963
4) 1989
5) 1956
Answer- **5) 1956**
Explanation:
About International Finance Corporation (IFC):
IFC is a member of the World Bank Group.
Establishment – 1956
MD, Executive Vice President – Makhtar Diop
Headquarters – Washington D.C., USA

2. Where is the headquarters of Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance?
1) Gurugram, Haryana
2) Pune, Maharashtra
3) Vadodara, Gujarat
4) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
5) Hyderabad, Telangana
Answer- **1) Gurugram, Haryana**
Explanation:
About Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance:
It is a joint venture between Canara Bank (51%), HSBC Insurance (Asia Pacific) Holdings Limited (26%) and Punjab National Bank (23%).
Establishment – 2008
Headquarters – Gurugram, Haryana
MD and CEO – Anuj Mathur

3. Match the following Banks with their Taglines:

i. Federal Bank	**a. Let's Make Money Simple**
ii. Kotak Mahindra Bank	**b. Your Perfect Banking Partner**
iii. Indian Overseas Bank	**c. Good People to Grow With**
iv. HDFC Bank	**d. We Understand Your World**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-c, ii-b, iii-d, iv-a
3) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
4) i-c, ii-a, iii-d, iv-b
5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a
Answer- **3) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d**
Explanation:

Banks	Taglines
Federal Bank	Your Perfect Banking Partner

Kotak Mahindra Bank	Let's Make Money Simple
Indian Overseas Bank	Good People to Grow With
HDFC Bank	We Understand Your World

4. Which of the following Regional Rural Banks (RRB) is sponsored by Indian Bank?
1) Uttarakhand Gramin Bank
2) Nagaland Rural Bank
3) Jharkhand Rajya Gramin Bank
4) Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank
5) Tamil Nadu Grama Bank
Answer- **5) Tamil Nadu Grama Bank**
Explanation:
Tamil Nadu Grama Bank is Sponsored by Indian Bank.
All other banks mentioned in options are sponsored by State Bank of India.

5. What does the acronym 'ECI' of RBI stand for?
1) External Commercial Service
2) Exchange Currencies & Securities
3) Electronic Credit Statistics
4) External Credit Service
5) Electronic Clearing Scheme
Answer- **5) Electronic Clearing Scheme**
Explanation:
Electronic Clearing Scheme or ECS was launched by the RBI for facilitating bulk transfer of funds from one bank account to another bank account.

6. When was the State Bank of India nationalised?
1) 1935
2) 1949
3) 1960
4) 1969
5) 1955
Answer- **5) 1955**
Explanation:
On 1 July 1955, Govt. of India Nationalised the Imperial Bank of India and named it as the State Bank of India.

7. When was the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) established?
1) 1964
2) 1991
3) 1987
4) 1957
5) 1975
Answer- **1) 1964**
Explanation:
Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) was established in 1964.

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8. What is the Tagline of Kotak Mahindra Bank?
1) Together We Can
2) Prosperity for All
3) We Understand Your World
4) Let's Make Money Simple
5) Smart Way to Bank
Answer- **4) Let's Make Money Simple**
Explanation:
About Kotak Mahindra Bank:
It is India's 1st non-banking finance company which is converted into a bank.
Establishment – 1985
Headquarters -Mumbai, Maharashtra
Tagline – Let's Make Money Simple
MD & CEO – Uday Kotak

9. ITRS is an acronym in relation with Banking terminologies. What does 'T' stand for in ITRS?
1) Treasury
2) Transaction
3) Temporary
4) Trading
5) Taxation
Answer- **2) Transaction**
Explanation:
ITRS stands for "**International Transaction Reporting System**". ITRS provides timely comprehensive Balance of Payments (BoP) statistics of individual cash transactions passing through domestic & foreign banks.

10. _____ is a measure that examines the weighted average of prices of a basket of consumer goods and services.
1) Domestic Price Index
2) Wholesale Price Index
3) Purchasing Power Parity
4) Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices
5) Consumer Price Index
Answer- **5) Consumer Price Index**
Explanation:
Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure that examines the weighted average of prices of a basket of consumer goods and services, such as transportation, food, and medical care.

11. RBI announced G-SAP 1.0 in April 2021. What does 'S' stand for in G-SAP?
1) Savings
2) Secured
3) Satisfactory
4) Small
5) Security
Answer- **5) Security**

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Explanation:
The RBI, for the year 2021-22, has announced a purchase of Rs. 25,000 crores for Government Security (G-sec) Acquisition Programme or G-SAP 1.0 as a part of RBIs Open Market Operations.

12. In relation with FCNR bank accounts. What does 'C' stand for in FCNR?
1) Calculated
2) Credit
3) Capital
4) Currency
5) Capacity
Answer- **4) Currency**
Explanation:
FCNR stands for Foreign Currency Non Resident Bank Accounts.
FCNR is a kind of fixed deposit account opened for depositing income earned overseas and the account is held in foreign currency.

13. Match the following International Organisations with their Heads:

i. World Economic Forum	**a. Klaus Schwab**
ii. World Bank	**b. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**
iii. International Monetary Fund	**c. Kristalina Georgieva**
iv. World Trade Organization	**d. David Malpass**

1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
2) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
3) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d
5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a
Answer- **1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b**
Explanation:

Organisation	Head
World Economic Forum	Klaus Schwab
World Bank	David Malpass
International Monetary Fund	Kristalina Georgieva
World Trade Organization	Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

14. Name the indicator used to measure the estimated yearly increase in asset price as a result of inflation.
1) Producer Price Index
2) Consumer Price Index
3) Wholesale Price Index
4) Cost Inflation Index
5) Consumer Inflation Index
Answer- **4) Cost Inflation Index**
Explanation:
Cost Inflation Index or CII is a tool used in the calculation of an estimated yearly increase in an asset's price as a result of inflation.

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15. Where is the headquarters of European Investment Bank (EIB)?
1) Brussels, Belgium
2) The Hague, Netherlands
3) Lisbon, Portugal
4) Prague, Czech Republic
5) Kirchberg, Luxembourg
Answer- **5) Kirchberg, Luxembourg**
Explanation:
About European Investment Bank (EIB):
President – Werner Hoyer
Headquarters – Kirchberg, Luxembourg

16. NFRA oversees the accounting & auditing standards of companies in India. What does NFRA stand for?
1) National Facility for Reporting & Auditing
2) National Funds Reporting & Auditing
3) Net Funds Reporting Authority
4) National Financial Reporting Authority
5) Net Funds Reporting & Auditing
Answer- **4) National Financial Reporting Authority**
Explanation:
National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) is the authority mandated to oversee compliance with accounting and auditing standards by certain classes of companies, described as Public Interest Entities (PIEs).

17. What is the full-form of "QR" in QR Code?
1) Quantum Regulated
2) Quantum Response
3) Qualified Response
4) Quick Regulated
5) Quick Response
Answer- **5) Quick Response**
Explanation:
QR Code or Quick Response Code is a type of 2-Dimensional Matrix Code, which contains encoded information that can be decoded using optical image scanning.

18. What is the Maximum compensation amount that a Banking Ombudsman can award?
1) Rs. 20 lakhs
2) Rs. 10 lakhs
3) Rs. 2 crores
4) Rs. 1 crore
5) Rs. 50 lakhs
Answer- **1) Rs. 20 lakhs**
Explanation:
A Banking Ombudsman can award a maximum of **Rs. 20 lakhs** as compensation to the complaint by a bank.

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Whereas, a maximum compensation of **Rs. 1 lakh** can be awarded in case of claims for Mental agony & harassment.

19. Select the correct average annual turnover that needs to be maintained by a PSU for getting listed as a Maharatna Company.

1) Rs. 10,000 crore during the last 3 years
2) Rs. 25,000 crore during the last 3 years
3) Rs. 2,500 crore during the last 5 years
4) Rs. 10,000 crore during the last 5 years
5) Rs. 20,000 crore during the last 3 years

Answer- **5) Rs. 20,000 crore during the last 3 years**

Explanation:

Criteria for a PSU to be listed as Maharatna:

An average annual turnover of more than **Rs. 20,000 crore** during the last **3-years.**
An average annual net worth of more than **Rs. 10,000 crore** during the last **3-years**.
An average annual net profit of more than **Rs. 2,500 crore** during the last **3 years**.

20. What is the tagline of Punjab National Bank?

1) The Name You Can Bank Upon
2) Together We Can
3) We Understand Your World
4) Relationship Beyond Banking
5) Banking For All

Answer- **1) The Name You Can Bank Upon**

Explanation:

About Punjab National Bank (PNB):

Establishment- 1894
MD & CEO- S.S. Mallikarjuna Rao
Headquarters- New Delhi
Tagline- "The Name You Can Bank Upon"

21. Match the following Navratna PSUs with their respective headquarters location:

i. Container Corporation of India (CONCOR)	**a. Bangalore**
ii. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)	**b. New Delhi**
iii. Oil India Limited (OIL)	**c. Noida**
iv. Shipping Corporation of India (SCI)	**d. Mumbai**

1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
2) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
3) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d
5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a

Answer- **2) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d**

Explanation:

Navratna PSU	Headquarters
Container Corporation of India (CONCOR)	New Delhi

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)	Bangalore
Oil India Limited (OIL)	Noida
Shipping Corporation of India (SCI)	Mumbai

22. Where is Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) located?
1) Nashik, Maharashtra
2) Bangalore, Karnataka
3) Alipore, Kolkata
4) Hyderabad, Telangana
5) Dewas, Madhya Pradesh
Answer- **2) Bangalore, Karnataka**
Explanation:
Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (**BRBNMPL**) is a wholly owned subsidiary of RBI.
Established - 1995
Headquarters - Bangalore, Karnataka

23. Various types of ATMs available and the purposes are mentioned in the options. Select the one which is wrongly related.
1) White Label ATM - ATMs are owned and operated by non-bank entities but not outsourced
2) Brown Label ATM - Outsourced ATMs operated by 3rd parties
3) Orange Label ATM - Accessible only to Women customers
4) Yellow Label ATM - E-commerce & Online Purchase
5) Green Label ATM - Agricultural Transaction
Answer- **3) Orange Label ATM - Accessible only to Women customers**
Explanation:

ATM Type	Purpose
White Label ATM	ATMs are owned and operated by non-bank entities but not outsourced
Brown Label ATM	Outsourced ATMs operated by 3rd parties
Orange Label ATM	**Share Transactions**
Yellow Label ATM	E-commerce & Online Purchase
Green Label ATM	Agricultural Transaction
Pink label ATM	**Accessible only to Women customers**

24. What does 'D' represent in GDR with respect to the Financial Market system?
1) Depository
2) Derivatives
3) Debt
4) Domestic
5) Developmental
Answer- **1) Depository**
Explanation:
Global Depository Receipt (GDR) is an instrument in which a company located in a domestic country issues one or more of its shares or convertible bonds outside the domestic country.

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25. Who is the present (in May'21) MD & CEO of Indian Overseas Bank?
1) Padmaja Chunduru
2) S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao
3) Partha Pratim Sengupta
4) Lingam Venkat Prabhakar
5) Sashidhar Jagdishan
Answer- **3) Partha Pratim Sengupta**
Explanation:
About Indian Overseas Bank (IOB):
Establishment – 1937
Headquarters – Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Tagline – Good people to grow with
MD & CEO - Partha Pratim Sengupta

26. Under which section of the Banking Regulation Act of 1949, RBI is provided with powers for suspension of business by a banking company and to prepare a scheme of amalgamation?
1) Section 56
2) Section 45
3) Section 49A
4) Section 52
5) Section 39A
Answer- **2) Section 45**
Explanation:
Section 45 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949
Power of Reserve Bank to apply to the Central Government for suspension of business by a banking company and to prepare a scheme of reconstruction or amalgamation.

27. Which is India's 1st Payment Bank?
1) Jio Payments Bank
2) Airtel Payment Bank
3) Paytm Payment Bank
4) Fino Payment Bank
5) Indian Post Payment Bank
Answer- **2) Airtel Payment Bank**
Explanation:
About Airtel Payments Bank:
It was India's 1st payment bank.
Establishment – January 2017
Headquarters – New Delhi
MD & CEO – Anubrata Biswas

28. What is the maximum time duration given for a resolution applicant to submit the resolution plan, as per the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016?
1) 240 days
2) 90 days
3) 45 days

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4) 120 days
5) 150 days
Answer- **5) 150 days**
Explanation:
As per the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016, the resolution applicant is required to **submit a resolution plan within 150 days.**

29. Which of the following subsidiaries of RBI was set-up with a sole motive to improve the IT & Cybersecurity infrastructure of Indian Banking System?
1) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC)
2) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
3) Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)
4) Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS)
5) Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL)
Answer- **3) Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)**
Explanation:
Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT), has been set up by the Reserve Bank of India to serve its IT and cybersecurity needs and to improve the cyber resilience of the Indian banking industry.

30. Match the following Committees and their heads:

i. Review committee on ARCs	**a. N. K. Singh**
ii. Draft National Education Policy 2020	**b. K Kasturirangan**
iii. Expert Committee on Urban Co-op Banks	**c. N. S. Vishwanathan**
iv. FRBM review committee	**d. Sudarshan Sen**

1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
2) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
3) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d
5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a
Answer- **5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a**
Explanation:

Purpose of Committee	Headed by
Review the working of Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs)	Sudarshan Sen
Committee for the Draft National Education Policy 2020	K Kasturirangan
Expert Committee on Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs)	N. S. Vishwanathan
Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) review committee	N. K. Singh

31. Any Non-Banking Financial Company can be converted into a Small Finance Bank with a minimum paid up capital of Rs. 100 crores, however they need to increase their minimum net worth to _____ within 5-years.
1) Rs. 200 crores
2) Rs. 500 crores
3) Rs. 150 crores
4) Rs. 250 crores

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5) Rs. 750 crores

Answer- **1) Rs. 200 crores**

Explanation:

Any Non-Banking Financial Company can be converted into a Small Finance Bank with a minimum paid up capital of Rs. 100 crores, however they need to increase their minimum net worth to Rs. 200 crores within 5-years.

32. Which of the following is not a subsidiary of RBI?

1) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC)
2) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
3) Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)
4) Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS)
5) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

Answer- **2) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**

Explanation:

NABARD is an apex regulatory body for overall regulation and licensing of regional rural banks and apex cooperative banks in India. Owned by the **Ministry of Finance**, Government of India.

i.All others are Subsidiaries of RBI.

33. Match the following Mobile Banking applications with their respective bank:

i. M-Connect Plus	**a. SBI**
ii. YONO	**b. HDFC Bank**
iii. iMobile	**c. ICICI Bank**
iv. Payzapp	**d. Bank of Baroda**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d

Answer- **4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b**

Explanation:

Mobile App	Bank
M-Connect Plus	Bank of Baroda
YONO	SBI
iMobile	ICICI Bank
Payzapp	HDFC Bank

34. Customer details are shared by banks to third party financial service providers through Banking API. What does "API" stand for?

1) Accumulated Personal Information
2) Assembled Programming Interface
3) Application Package Information
4) Accumulated Programming Information
5) Application Programming Interface

Answer- **5) Application Programming Interface**

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Explanation:
A banking **API (Application Programming Interface)** is an interface through which a financial institution provides data about customers, accounts and transactions to third party financial service providers.

35. Match the following Non-Banking Financial Institutions (NBFC) with the headquarters location:

i. Tata Capital	**a. Gurgaon, Haryana**
ii. Muthoot Finance	**b. Mumbai, Maharashtra**
iii. India Infoline	**c. Kochi, Kerala**
iv. Bajaj Finserv	**d. Pune, Maharashtra**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
Answer- **2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d**
Explanation:

NBFC	Headquarters
Tata Capital	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Muthoot Finance	Kochi, Kerala
India Infoline	Gurgaon, Haryana
Bajaj Finserv	Pune, Maharashtra

36. What is India's rank in the Global Energy Transition Index 2021 released by the World Economic Forum?
1) 17th
2) 71st
3) 87th
4) 49th
5) 32nd
Answer- **3) 87th**
Explanation:
India was ranked **87th** in the **Global Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2021** released by **World Economic Forum (WEF)** in the 'Fostering Effective Energy Transition 2021' report.

37. SWIFT is a common terminology in Banking. What does 'T' represent in SWIFT?
1) Technology
2) Telecommunication
3) Tribunal
4) Tariff
5) Transaction
Answer- **2) Telecommunication**

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Explanation:
Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) is an international network that enables financial institutions across the globe to send and receive information about financial transactions in a secure, standardized and reliable environment.

38. What does "FIRC" stands for with respect to RBI?
1) Financial Investment Risk Clearance
2) Foreign Institutional Registration Certificate
3) Financial Institutions Risk Controller
4) Foreign Inward Remittance Certificate
5) Free International Remittance Clearance
Answer- **4) Foreign Inward Remittance Certificate**
Explanation:
FIRC (Foreign Inward Remittance Certificate) refers to a document which acts as a testimonial for all the inward remittances entering to India from abroad.
Guidelines for FIRC are issued by **RBI and FEDAI** (Foreign Exchange Dealers Association in India).

39. Pick the Economist who is wrongly matched with their Books:
1) Milton Friedman - Capitalism and Freedom
2) Irving Fisher - The Theory of Interest
3) Karl Marx - The Wealth of Nations
4) Amartya Sen - Development as Freedom
5) John Maynard Keynes - The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money
Answer- **3) Karl Marx - The Wealth of Nations**
Explanation:

Economist	Books
Milton Friedman	Capitalism and Freedom
Irving Fisher	The Theory of Interest
Karl Marx	**Das Kapital**
Adam Smith	**The Wealth of Nations**
Amartya Sen	Development as Freedom
John Maynard Keynes	The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money

40. How many digits are there in an IFSC code?
1) 5
2) 6
3) 11
4) 13
5) 9
Answer- **3) 11**
Explanation:
IFSC code used for electronic payments consists of **11-digits**. Of the 11-digits, the first 4 digits represent the bank and the last 6 characters represent the branch. The 5th character is zero.

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41. When was the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) established?
1) 2015
2) 2005
3) 2018
4) 2010
5) 2008
Answer- **5) 2008**
Explanation:
About National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):
Establishment – 2008
MD & CEO - Dilip Asbe
Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

42. Which bank functions with the tagline "Hum hai na, Khayal Apka"?
1) HDFC Bank
2) City Union Bank
3) Axis Bank
4) UCO Bank
5) ICICI Bank
Answer- **5) ICICI Bank**
Explanation:
About ICICI Bank:
Tagline – Hum hai na, Khayal Apka
Establishment – 1995
Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
MD& CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi

43. When was Punjab National Bank established?
1) 1955
2) 1935
3) 1949
4) 1894
5) 1889
Answer- **4) 1894**
Explanation:
About Punjab National Bank(PNB):
Establishment – May 19, 1894 (Commenced Operations – April 12, 1895)
Headquarters – New Delhi
MD & CEO – CH. S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao
Tagline – The name you can bank upon

44. India rank's _____ in the Global Gender Gap Index 2021, released by _____.
1) 112nd, International Monetary Fund
2) 140th, World Economic Forum
3) 112nd, World Bank
4) 112nd, World Economic Forum

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5) 140th, International Monetary Fund
Answer- **2) 140th, World Economic Forum**
Explanation:
India was ranked 140th among 156 countries in the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2021.

45. Under which section of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the provisions for amalgamation of Banking companies is provided?
1) Section 22(1)
2) Section 49A
3) Section 36AE
4) Section 44A
5) Section 23
Answer- **4) Section 44A**
Explanation:
Section 44A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, provides provisions for **amalgamation of Banking companies**.

46. As of May 2021, how many Small Savings Schemes are provided by the Government of India?
1) 6
2) 12
3) 15
4) 9
5) 3
Answer- **2) 12**
Explanation:
There are **12 different Small Savings Schemes** provided by the Government of India, as of May 2021. They are,
National Savings Certificate (NSC), National Savings Scheme (NSS), Public Provident Fund (PPF), Post Office Savings Scheme, Senior Citizens Savings Scheme (SCSS), Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP), Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY), Atal Pension Yojana, Employees Provident Fund (EPF), National Pension System (NPS), Voluntary Provident Fund (VPF) & Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana.

47. What does 'U' stand for in the "UMANG" app launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in 2017?
1) Urban
2) Unnat
3) Unified
4) Ujjwala
5) Unique
Answer- **3) Unified**
Explanation:
UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New Age Governance) app was developed by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**) in **2017**. It acts as a single e-governance portal, to access all Central and State government schemes in India.

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48. In April 2020, Syndicate bank was amalgamated into which bank?
1) Indian Bank
2) Punjab National Bank
3) Union Bank
4) Canara Bank
5) Indian Overseas Bank
Answer- **4) Canara Bank**
Explanation:
Syndicate Bank was amalgamated into Canara Bank on April 2020

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1. What is India's rank in the Human Freedom Index 2020?
1) 131
2) 101
3) 91
4) 111
5) 121
Answer- **4) 111**
Explanation:
India was ranked 111 in the list of 162 countries in the Human Freedom Index 2020.

2. Where is the headquarters of Spice Board of India located?
1) Hyderabad, Telangana
2) Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
3) Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
4) Bangalore, Karnataka
5) Kochi, Kerala
Answer- **5) Kochi, Kerala**
Explanation:
About Spice Board of India
Chairman & Secretary – D Sathiyan
Headquarters – Kochi, Kerala

3. When was Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) established?
1) 1991
2) 1949
3) 1952
4) 1969
5) 1975
Answer- **3) 1952**
Explanation:
Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) was established in 1952 under the Ministry of Labour & Employment.

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4. Which article of the Indian Constitution prohibits human trafficking & forced labour?
1) Article 15
2) Article 25
3) Article 21
4) Article 14
5) Article 23
Answer- **5) Article 23**
Explanation:
Traffic in human beings and begar and other similar forms of forced labour are prohibited under Article 23 of the Constitution.

5. Where is the headquarters of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI)?
1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
2) Gurugram, Haryana
3) New Delhi
4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
5) Kolkata, West Bengal
Answer- **2) Gurugram, Haryana**
Explanation:
About Boxing Federation of India (BFI):
Establishment – September 2016
Headquarters – Gurugram, Haryana
President – Ajay Singh

6. Who was the 1st Indian to win a Gold medal in Asian Games?
1) Sachin Nag
2) PT Usha
3) Dingko Singh
4) Mary Kom
5) Mohammed Ali Qamar
Answer- **1) Sachin Nag**
Explanation:
Sachin Nag created history by becoming India's first ever Asian Games gold medalist in 100m freestyle at 1951 Asian Games.

7. Which was the 1st Armed Forces hospital to treat civilian COVID-19 Patients?
1) Military Hospital Chennai
2) INHS Navjivani
3) Military Hospital Ahmedabad
4) INHS Patanjali
5) INHS Jeevanti
Answer- **4) INHS Patanjali**
Explanation:
In 2020, INHS Patanjali became the 1st Armed Forces hospital to treat civilian COVID-19 Patients.

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8. Where is the World's longest pedestrian Suspension bridge '516 Arouca' located?
1) Italy
2) France
3) Portugal
4) China
5) Taiwan
Answer- **3) Portugal**
Explanation:
World's longest pedestrian suspension bridge, the 175m long '516 Arouca' constructed over river Paiva, connecting the Rocky Mountains in the UNESCO-recognised Arouca Geopark of Portugal.

9. Identify the book which is NOT authored by Jhumpa Lahiri:
1) Interpreter of Maladies
2) A Suitable Boy
3) The Namesake
4) Whereabouts
5) The Lowland
Answer- **2) A Suitable Boy**
Explanation:
"A Suitable Boy" is a famous work of Vikram Seth.
All other books mentioned are written by Jhumpa Lahiri.

10. When was the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) established?
1) 1969
2) 1945
3) 1951
4) 1963
5) 1958
Answer- **5) 1958**
Explanation:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was established in 1958.

11. Match the following countries with their respective Highest Civilian Award:

i. Russia	**a. Presidential Medal of Freedom**
ii. USA	**b. The Order of Zayed**
iii. UK	**c. Order of St Andrew the Apostle**
iv. UAE	**d. Order of Merit**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-c, ii-b, iii-d, iv-a
3) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
4) i-c, ii-a, iii-d, iv-b
5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a
Answer- **4) i-c, ii-a, iii-d, iv-b**
Explanation:

Country	Highest Civilian Award
Russia	Order of St Andrew the Apostle

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USA	Presidential Medal of Freedom
UK	Order of Merit
UAE	The Order of Zayed

12. Which country annually celebrates the Lag B'Omer festival?
1) Saudi Arabia
2) Israel
3) Lebanon
4) Iran
5) Yeman
Answer- **2) Israel**
Explanation:
Lag B'Omer is an annual Jewish festival observed during the Hebrew month of Iyar.
Tens of thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jewish pilgrims make their way to the base of Mount Meron to visit the holy site, Rabbi's tomb.

13. Where is Litani river located?
1) Portugal
2) Italy
3) Lebanon
4) Albania
5) Israel
Answer- **3) Lebanon**
Explanation:
Tonnes of dead fishes were found on the banks of River Litani, the longest river of Lebanon. This deadly disaster is caused due to the polluted water of the Litani river, caused by sewage and waste polluting the river for years.

14. Where is the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee located?
1) Lausanne, Switzerland
2) Paris, France
3) Abu Dhabi, UAE
4) London, United Kingdom
5) Rome, Italy
Answer- **1) Lausanne, Switzerland**
Explanation:
About International Olympic Committee(IOC):
President– Thomas Bach
Established on 23rd June 1894
Headquarters– Lausanne, Switzerland

15. What is the acronym of NETRA, in the NETRA Software developed by DRDO?
1) Network Traffic Algorithm
2) National Trade Algorithm
3) Network Traffic Analysis
4) National Tariff Analysis

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5) National Tariff Algorithm
Answer- **3) Network Traffic Analysis**
Explanation:
NETRA (NEtwork TRaffic Analysis) is a software network developed by DRDO, for the use of Indian Intelligence Agencies for identifying possible threats through the Internet by continuously monitoring Internet traffic.

16. When was the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) established?
1) 1947
2) 1935
3) 1889
4) 1969
5) 1916
Answer- **5) 1916**
Explanation:
About Zoological Survey of India(ZSI):
Establishment – 1916
Headquarters– New Alipore, Kolkata
Director – Kailash Chandra Affairs

17. Where is "Barren Island", India's only active volcano?
1) Lakshadweep
2) Jharkhand
3) Madhya Pradesh
4) Andaman & Nicobar
5) Rajasthan
Answer- **4) Andaman & Nicobar**
Explanation:
"Barren Island", India's only active volcano is located in Andaman & Nicobar.

18. Who was the 1st Indian Woman to become an IPS officer?
1) Kiran Bedi
2) Anna Rajam Malhotra
3) Seema Rao
4) Barbara Ghosh
5) Anjana Bhaduria
Answer- **1) Kiran Bedi**
Explanation:
Kiran Bedi - 1st Indian woman IPS officer
Anna Rajam Malhotra - 1st Indian woman IAS officer

19. Who is the present (as of May'21) Chairman of India's largest automobile manufacturer, Maruti Suzuki?
1) R C Bhargava
2) Ajay Seth
3) Pawan Kumar Goenka

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4) Sanjeev Grover
5) Guenter Butschek
Answer- **1) R C Bhargava**
Explanation:
R C Bhargava is the present (as of May'21) Chairman of India's largest automobile manufacturer, Maruti Suzuki.
To Increase the availability of Oxygen supplies for hospitals, Maruti Suzuki has shut down all its factories in Haryana and diverted the oxygen for government use.

20. Name the Scientific Instrument used to measure the intensity of an EarthQuake.
1) Pyranometer
2) Hygrometer
3) Richter Scale
4) Geiger Counter
5) Magnetometer
Answer- **3) Richter Scale**
Explanation:
In May 2021, Multiple earthquakes struck the north eastern state of Assam, measuring up to 6.4 magnitude on the Richter Scale.

Instrument	Use
Richter Scale	Measure Earthquake
Pyranometer	Measure Solar Radiation
Hygrometer	Measure Humidity (water vapour) of Air
Geiger Counter	Measures all types of Radiations
Magnetometer	Measure Magnetic Field of earth

21. Where is the Char Dham Yatra annually conducted?
1) Jammu & Kashmir
2) Ladakh
3) Sikkim
4) Himachal Pradesh
5) Uttarakhand
Answer- **5) Uttarakhand**
Explanation:
Annually, Char Dham Yatra is conducted in the state of Uttarakhand.
Char Dham Yatra is a pilgrimage trip consisting of 4-sites: Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath.

22. How many Women Chief Ministers are currently (as of May'21) holding office in India?
1) 6
2) 3
3) 1
4) 4
5) 2
Answer- **3) 1**

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Explanation:
Sixteen women have served as the chief minister of an Indian state and union territory. At present, one is in office — Mamata Banerjee of West Bengal.

23. "Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana" is the health insurance scheme of which state?
1) Odisha
2) Karnataka
3) Rajasthan
4) Haryana
5) Madhya Pradesh
Answer- **1) Odisha**
Explanation:
State govt. of **Odisha**, recognised **'Journalists' as a frontline workers** of COVID-19 pandemic by providing greater service to the nation to make people aware of issues relating to COVID-19.
Now, Journalists are covered under the state's health insurance for frontline workers, "**Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana**". They can avail **Rs. 2 lakh** worth health insurance cover & **Rs. 15 lakh** will be provided to their kin, in case of death of the insured due to COVID-19.

24. Which animal is popularly known for its unique way of mass nesting called 'Arribada'?
1) Hummingbird
2) Ganges River Dolphin
3) Clouded Leopard
4) Bald Eagle
5) Olive Ridley Turtles
Answer- **5) Olive Ridley Turtles**
Explanation:
Olive Ridley Turtles are best known for their unique mass nesting called **Arribada**, where thousands of females come together on the same beach to lay eggs.
i.They are listed Vulnerable in the IUCN Red List.
ii. In India, they are mostly found at the mouth of Devi River & Rushikulya River in Odisha Coast.

25. Who is the present (as of May'21) chairperson of the National Commission for Women?
1) Jayanti Patnaik
2) Rekha Sharma
3) Jyotika Kalra
4) Maneka Gandhi
5) Smriti Irani
Answer- **2) Rekha Sharma**
Explanation:
The National Commission for Women (NCW) launched a WhatsApp helpline number, 9354954224, for providing emergency medical assistance to pregnant women.
About National Commission for Women:
Established in **1992** as a statutory body under the Govt. of India.
Chairperson - Rekha Sharma

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26. Match the following Deserts with their countries:

i. Great Sandy Desert	**a. Australia**
ii. Tabernas Desert	**b. Spain**
iii. Taklamakan Desert	**c. China**
iv. Atacama Desert	**d. Chile**

1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
2) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
3) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
4) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d
5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a

Answer- **4) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d**

Explanation:

Desert	Country
Great Sandy Desert	Australia
Tabernas Desert	Spain
Taklamakan Desert	China
Atacama Desert	Chile

27. Who is the present (as of May'21) Governor of West Bengal?

1) Tamilisai Soundararajan
2) Kalraj Mishra
3) Jagdeep Dhankhar
4) Vajubhai Vala
5) Jagdish Mukhi

Answer- **3) Jagdeep Dhankhar**

Explanation:

Jagdeep Dhankhar is the present (as of May'21) Governor of West Bengal.

28. Match the following organisations & their respective Chairpersons:

i. Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)	**a. Shiv Das Meena**
ii. Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)	**b. G.R. Chintala**
iii. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)	**c. PD Vaghela**
iv. NABARD	**d. Pradeep Kumar Joshi**

1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
2) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
3) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d
5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a

Answer- **1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b**

Explanation:

Organisation	Chairperson
Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)	Shiv Das Meena
Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)	Pradeep Kumar Joshi
Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)	PD Vaghela

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National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)	G.R. Chintala

29. Which country will hold the Presidency of G20 in 2022?
1) India
2) Italy
3) Brazil
4) Indonesia
5) France
Answer- **4) Indonesia**
Explanation:
G20 Presidency
Italy - 2021
Indonesia - 2022
India - 2023
Brazil - 2024

30. When was the National Dairy Development Board (in May'21) established?
1) 1993
2) 1955
3) 1987
4) 1975
5) 1969
Answer- **3) 1987**
Explanation:
About National Dairy Development Board (NDDB):
Establishment – 12 October 1987
Headquarters – Anand, Gujarat
Chairman – Varsha Joshi

31. Match the following Indus Valley Sites with their present day locations:

i. Lothal	**a. Hanumangarh, Rajasthan**
ii. Kalibangan	**b. Hisar, Haryana**
iii. Mohenjodaro	**c. Sindh, Pakistan**
iv. Banawali	**d. Ahmedabad, Gujarat**

1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
2) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
3) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d
5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a
Answer- **3) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b**
Explanation:

Indus Valley Sites	Location
Lothal	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Kalibangan	Hanumangarh, Rajasthan
Mohenjodaro	Sindh, Pakistan

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Banawali	Hisar, Haryana

32. Where is the Oktoberfest beer festival annually celebrated?
1) Brussels, Belgium
2) California, USA
3) Munich, Germany
4) Amsterdam, Netherlands
5) Helsinki, Finland
Answer- **3) Munich, Germany**
Explanation:
For the second consecutive year, the world's largest Volksfest, the Oktoberfest was cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. Oktoberfest beer festival is annually celebrated in Munich, Germany.

33. Match the following Ramsar Sites with their locations:

i. Kanwar Lake	**a. Ladakh**
ii. Lonar Lake	**b. Bihar**
iii. Sur Sarovar	**c. Uttar Pradesh**
iv. Tso Kar Wetland	**d. Maharashtra**

1) i-c, ii-a, iii-b, i-d
2) i-c, ii-d, iii-b, i-a
3) i-b, ii-d, iii-c, i-a
4) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, i-d
5) i-c, ii-d, iii-a, i-b
Answer- **3) i-b, ii-d, iii-c, i-a**
Explanation:

Ramsar Sites	Location
Kanwar Lake or Kabal Taal	Bihar
Lonar Lake	Maharashtra
Sur Sarovar	Uttar Pradesh
Tso Kar Wetland	Ladakh

34. When was the Ramsar Convention or Convention on Wetlands signed?
1) 1965
2) 1971
3) 1975
4) 1989
5) 1983
Answer- **2) 1971**
Explanation:
The Ramsar Convention or Convention on Wetlands was signed in 1971 at the city of Ramsar in Iran.

35. Where is Chail Wildlife Sanctuary located?
1) Himachal Pradesh
2) Madhya Pradesh
3) Odisha

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4) Uttarakhand
5) Ladakh
Answer- **1) Himachal Pradesh**
Explanation:
Chail Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Himachal Pradesh.

36. When was the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Ltd established?
1) 1970
2) 1965
3) 1960
4) 1975
5) 1980
Answer- **4) 1975**
Explanation:
About National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC Ltd):
Establishment – 1975
Headquarter – NewDelhi
Chairman and Managing Director – Shri Gurdeep Singh

37. What is the Motto of Border Roads Organisation (BRO)?
1) Shaurya-Dridhata-Karma Nishtha
2) Duty Unto Death
3) Service and Loyalty
4) Shramena Sarvam Sadhyam
5) Service Before Self
Answer- **4) Shramena Sarvam Sadhyam**
Explanation:

Organisation	Motto
Border Roads Organisation (BRO)	Shramena Sarvam Sadhyam
Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)	Shaurya-Dridhata-Karma Nishtha
Border Security Force (BSF)	Duty Unto Death
Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)	Service and Loyalty
Indian Army	Service Before Self

38. When was the Group of Seven or G7 created?
1) 1975
2) 1943
3) 1956
4) 1989
5) 1939
Answer- **1) 1975**
Explanation:
About G7 (Group of Seven):
Founded – 1975
2021 Presidency – United Kingdom

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39. Name the official currency of Israel

1) Peso
2) Shekel
3) Ruble
4) Dinar
5) Renminbi

Answer- **2) Shekel**

Explanation:

About Israel:

Prime Minister- Benjamin Netanyahu
Capital– Jerusalem
Currency– Israeli Shekel

40. Match the following Subject matters with their Respective Study:

i. Study of Moon	**a. Helioseismology**
ii. Study of Earth	**b. Cosmology**
iii. Study of Sun	**c. Selenography**
iv. Study on Evolution of Universe	**d. Geology**

1) i-c, ii-a, iii-b, i-d
2) i-c, ii-d, iii-b, i-a
3) i-b, ii-d, iii-c, i-a
4) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, i-d
5) i-c, ii-d, iii-a, i-b

Answer- **5) i-c, ii-d, iii-a, i-b**

Explanation:

Subject Matter	Study
Study of Moon	Selenography
Study of Earth	Geology
Study of Sun	Helioseismology
Study on Evolution of Universe	Cosmology

Scientists at the Minnesota Institute for Astrophysics, using the "Gemini Telescope" have discovered a Galaxy named "**Pox 186**" to be in a Blown away state, this is the 1st time such a discovery has been made.

41. Which river forms the downstream of Ganges River in Bangladesh?

1) Padma River
2) Teesta River
3) Jamuna River
4) Feni River
5) Atrai River

Answer- **1) Padma River**

Explanation:

Padma River forms the downstream of Ganges River in Bangladesh.
In May 2021, At least 26 people died in an Overcrowded speedboat crash in River Padma.

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42. Lewis Hamilton with the record 98 Formula One Grand Prix wins belong to which country?
1) Spain
2) Brazil
3) United Kingdom
4) Germany
5) Austria
Answer- **3) United Kingdom**
Explanation:
Lewis Hamilton with the record 98 Formula One Grand Prix wins belongs to the United Kingdom.

43. Who authored the novel "The Discomfort of Evening"?
1) Marieke Lucas Rijneveld
2) Olga Tokarczuk
3) Anna Burns
4) Margaret Atwood
5) George Saunders
Answer- **1) Marieke Lucas Rijneveld**
Explanation:
2020's International Booker prize was won by Marieke Lucas Rijneveld (Netherlands) for her work 'The Discomfort of Evening'.

44. Where is the largest Volcano on Earth, 'Mauna Loa' located?
1) Lombok, Indonesia
2) Heard Island, Australia
3) Batangas, Philippines
4) Hawaii, USA
5) Ojika, Japan
Answer- **4) Hawaii, USA**
Explanation:
The largest Volcano on Earth, 'Mauna Loa' located in Hawaii, USA.

45. Select the Temple which is wrongly matched with its location
1) Dwarkadhish Temple - Gujarat
2) Vaishno Devi Temple - Maharashtra
3) Padmanabhaswamy Temple - Kerala
4) Gomateshwara Temple - Karnataka
5) Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple - Tamil Nadu
Answer- **2) Vaishno Devi Temple - Maharashtra**
Explanation:
Vaishno Devi Temple is located in Jammu & Kashmir.

46. Which country honours literary works with the "Sheikh Zayed Book Award"?
1) United Kingdom
2) Saudi Arabia
3) Israel
4) Turkey

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5) United Arab Emirates

Answer- **5) United Arab Emirates**

Explanation:

Sheikh Zayed Book Award is given by the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) since 2007, for scholarly literary works on Arab cultural, literary and social life.

Renowned German philosopher **Juergen Habermas**, turned down the Sheikh Zayed Book Award which he received under the '**Cultural Personality of the Year**' category. His decision was due to the ties between the awarding institute and the political system of UAE.

47. Match the following Books with their Authors:

i. Animal Farm	**a. Oscar Wilde**
ii. The Selfish Giant	**b. Leo Tolstoy**
iii. Oliver Twist	**c. Charles Dickens**
iv. Anna Karenina	**d. George Orwell**

1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b

2) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d

3) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b

4) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d

5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a

Answer- **3) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b**

Explanation:

Books	Authors
Animal Farm	George Orwell
The Selfish Giant	Oscar Wilde
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens
Anna Karenina	Leo Tolstoy

48. Who was the 1st Woman to receive Bharat Ratna Award?

1) Mother Teresa

2) Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit

3) Annie Besant

4) Sarojini Naidu

5) Indira Gandhi

Answer- **5) Indira Gandhi**

Explanation:

Indira Gandhi was the 1st woman to receive Bharat Ratna Award in 1971.

49. Where is the headquarters of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP)?

1) London, UK

2) Florida, USA

3) Paris, France

4) Rotterdam, Netherlands

5) Sydney, Australia

Answer- **1) London, UK**

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Explanation:
About Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP):
CEO – Massimo Calvelli
Headquarters – London, United Kingdom.

50. What is the Density of Population (per sq. km) in India as per 2011 census?
1) 943
2) 356
3) 427
4) 991
5) 382
Answer- **5) 382**
Explanation:
Density of Population (per sq. km) in India as per 2011 census is 382.

51. Where is the headquarters of Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), the governing body of Formula One racing?
1) Madrid, Spain
2) Rome, Italy
3) Paris, France
4) Vienna, Austria
5) Prague, Czech Republic
Answer- **3) Paris, France**
Explanation:
About Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA):
President – Jean Todt
Headquarters – Paris, France

52. With which country's armed force does Indian Army conduct the bilateral military exercise "Garuda Shakti"?
1) Sri Lanka
2) Bangladesh
3) Vietnam
4) Indonesia
5) Thailand
Answer- **4) Indonesia**
Explanation:
'Garuda Shakti' is a bilateral exercise between the Special forces of armies of **India & Indonesia**.

53. "Coupang" the World's Fastest Growing Retail company as per "2021 Ranking of Global retail powerhouses" report belongs to which country?
1) China
2) South Korea
3) Japan
4) Singapore
5) Taiwan

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Answer- **2) South Korea**

Explanation:

South Korea's Coupang is the World's Fastest-Growing Retailer, as per the "2021 Ranking of Global retail powerhouses" report.

54. Where is 'Dahla Dam' also known as 'Arghandab Dam' located?

1) Pakistan
2) Turkey
3) Afghanistan
4) Bangladesh
5) Iran

Answer- **3) Afghanistan**

Explanation:

Dahla Dam is the second largest dam of **Afghanistan**. It is also known as Arghandab Dam, since it is built across the **Arghandab river**.

Dahla dam, which serves as a major source of Irrigation & Drinking water, came under the control of Taliban in May 2021.

55. What is India's Rank in the UN World Happiness Report 2021?

1) 101
2) 149
3) 108
4) 133
5) 139

Answer- **5) 139**

Explanation:

India was ranked 139 out of 149 countries in the list of UN World Happiness Report 2021, which is topped by Finland.

56. Match the following waterfalls with their respective location:

i. Victoria falls	**a. Argentina**
ii. Niagara falls	**b. Canada**
iii. Angel falls	**c. Venezuela**
iv. Iguazu falls	**d. Zimbabwe**

1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
2) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
3) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d
5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a

Answer- **5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a**

Explanation:

Waterfalls	Country
Victoria falls (World's Largest Falls)	Zimbabwe
Niagara falls	Canada & USA
Angel falls (World's Tallest Falls)	Venezuela

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Iguazu falls	Argentina

57. What is the approximate play time of Indian National Anthem "Jana Gana Mana" in its full version?

1) 36 sec
2) 52 sec
3) 45 sec
4) 69 sec
5) 72 sec

Answer- **2) 52 sec**

Explanation:

The approximate play time of Indian National Anthem "Jana Gana Mana" composed by **Rabindranath Tagore** in its full version is **52 seconds.**

58. Which Indian origin fruit is popularly known as the "King of Fruits"?

1) Banana
2) Orange
3) Watermelon
4) Jackfruit
5) Mango

Answer- **5) Mango**

Explanation:

Mangoes originated in India over 4,000 years ago is popularly known as the **"King of Fruits".** Mango is also the National Fruit of India.

59. Match the following 2020's Nobel Prize winners with their respective fields:

i. Louise Glück	**a. Literature**
ii. Andrea M. Ghez	**b. Medicine**
iii. Emmanuelle Charpentier	**c. Chemistry**
iv. Michael Houghton	**d. Physics**

1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
2) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
3) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d
5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a

Answer- **1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b**

Explanation:

Personality	Field
Louise Glück	Literature
Andrea M. Ghez	Physics
Emmanuelle Charpentier	Chemistry
Michael Houghton	Medicine

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60. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, the Director General of World Trade Organisation (WTO) belongs to which country?
1) Tanzania
2) Eritrea
3) Angola
4) Nigeria
5) Botswana
Answer- **4) Nigeria**
Explanation:
Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, the Director General of World Trade Organisation (**WTO**) belongs to **Nigeria**.

61. Who is the longest serving Woman CM of India?
1) Vasundhara Raje
2) Mayawati
3) J. Jayalalithaa
4) Sheila Dixit
5) Mamata Banerjee
Answer- **4) Sheila Dixit**
Explanation:
Former CM of Delhi, **Sheila Dixit** is the longest serving **Woman CM** of India with 15 years of Service. With the 2021 Assembly election victory in West Bengal, **Mamata Banerjee** (with 3rd consecutive term as CM) becomes the 2nd longest serving Woman Chief Minister of India.

62. What is India's rank in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business report 2020?
1) 49
2) 54
3) 38
4) 76
5) 63
Answer- **5) 63**
Explanation:
India is ranked 63rd in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business report 2020.

63. Choose the Element that is highly present in the Earth's Crust
1) Oxygen
2) Iron
3) Silicon
4) Aluminium
5) Nitrogen
Answer- **1) Oxygen**
Explanation:
Major Elements present on Earth's Crust - Oxygen (47%), Silicon (28%), Aluminium (8%), Iron (5%).

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64. Identify the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Qualified athletes who are Wrongly matched with their sport?

1) Fouaad Mirza - Equestrian
2) Bhavani Devi - Fencing
3) Pranati Nayak - Gymnastics
4) Nethra Kumanan - Shooting
5) Sharath Kamal - Table Tennis

Answer- **4) Nethra Kumanan - Shooting**

Explanation:

Athlete	Sport
Fouaad Mirza	Equestrian
Bhavani Devi (1st Indian Fencer to Qualify for Olympics)	Fencing
Pranati Nayak	Gymnastics
Nethra Kumanan (1st Indian Woman Sailor to Qualify for Olympics)	Sailing
Sharath Kamal	Table Tennis

65. Match the following Autobiography by famous cricketers:

i. Straight from the Heart: An Autobiography	**a. Kapil Dev**
ii. A Century Is Not Enough	**b. VVS Laxman**
iii. The Test of My Life	**c. Sourav Ganguly**
iv. 281 and Beyond	**d. Yuvraj Singh**

1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
2) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
3) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-a, ii-c, iii-d, iv-b
5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a

Answer- **4) i-a, ii-c, iii-d, iv-b**

Explanation:

Autobiography	Cricketer
Straight from the Heart: An Autobiography	Kapil Dev
A Century Is Not Enough	Sourav Ganguly
The Test of My Life	Yuvraj Singh
281 and Beyond	VVS Laxman

66. Who was the 1st Woman to win a Nobel Prize?

1) Mother Teresa
2) Marie Curie
3) Florence Nightingale
4) Jane Austen
5) Queen Elizabeth II

Answer- **2) Marie Curie**

Explanation:

Marie Curie was the 1st woman to win a Nobel Prize, the 1st person to win 2 Nobel Prizes, the only woman to win in two fields (Physics & Chemistry).

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67. Match the following Palaces in India with their location:

i. Chettinad Palace	**a. Jammu & Kashmir**
ii. Marble Palace	**b. Kolkata, West Bengal**
iii. Aga Khan Palace	**c. Pune, Maharashtra**
iv. Mubarak Mandi Palace	**d. Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu**

1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
2) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
3) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-a, ii-c, iii-b, iv-d
5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a

Answer- **5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a**

Explanation:

Palace	Location
Chettinad Palace	Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu
Marble Palace	Kolkata, West Bengal
Aga Khan Palace	Pune, Maharashtra
Mubarak Mandi Palace	Jammu & Kashmir

68. Match the following countries with their respective Parliament:

i. Japan	**a. National Diet**
ii. Myanmar	**b. Tsogdu**
iii. Israel	**c. Knesset**
iv. Bhutan	**d. Pyithu Hluttaw**

1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
2) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
3) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-a, ii-c, iii-b, iv-d
5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a

Answer- **1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b**

Explanation:

Country	Parliament
Japan	National Diet
Myanmar	Pyithu Hluttaw
Israel	Knesset
Bhutan	Tsogdu

69. Where is Al-Aqsa Mosque located?

1) Mecca
2) Medina
3) Jerusalem
4) Istanbul
5) Karachi

Answer- **3) Jerusalem**

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Explanation:
Al-Aqsa Mosque, located in the Old City of **Jerusalem**, is the **3rd holiest site in Islam**, only after Mecca & Medina.

70. "Ficus benghalensis" is the scientific name of India's National Tree. Identify the Tree:
1) Sal Tree
2) Banyan Tree
3) Peepal Tree
4) Ashoka Tree
5) Oak Tree
Answer- **2) Banyan Tree**
Explanation:
"Ficus Benghalensis" is the scientific name of India's National Tree, "Banyan Tree".

71. Which of the following Indian states does not share boundaries with Myanmar?
1) Arunachal Pradesh
2) Mizoram
3) Nagaland
4) Manipur
5) Tripura
Answer- **5) Tripura**
Explanation:
Myanmar shares land boundaries with 4 Indian states - **Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Manipur.**

72. Where is the Ramsar Site "Mansar Lake" located?
1) Ladakh
2) Sikkim
3) Uttarakhand
4) Jammu & Kashmir
5) Punjab
Answer- **4) Jammu & Kashmir**
Explanation:
Mansar Lake, a famous tourist spot in **Jammu & Kashmir** was designated as a Ramsar Convention site in 2005.

73. Which of the following is Wrongly matched?
1) Pania Wildlife Sanctuary - Gujarat
2) Kyongnosla Alpine Sanctuary - Sikkim
3) Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary - Warangal
4) Binsar wildlife sanctuary - Uttarakhand
5) Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Wildlife Sanctuary – West Bengal
Answer- **5) Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Wildlife Sanctuary – West Bengal**
Explanation:
Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Wildlife Sanctuary is located in **Bihar**.

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74. When did World War 1 end?
1) 1914
2) 1939
3) 1929
4) 1918
5) 1909
Answer- **4) 1918**
Explanation:
World War 1 was officially fought between **Central Powers & Allied Powers** from 28 July 1914 – 11 November 1918.

75. Annually, Sindhu Darshan Festival is celebrated on the month of _____ to endorse the harmony of the holy Sindhu river at _____.
1) May, Ladakh
2) June, Jammu
3) April, Jammu
4) May, Jammu
5) June, Ladakh
Answer- **5) June, Ladakh**
Explanation:
Sindhu Darshan Festival is annually celebrated in the month of June at Leh, Ladakh. The festival is celebrated to endorse the harmony of the holy Sindhu River (Indus River) which is mentioned in the vedic literature.

76. Which is India's largest Hockey Stadium?
1) Bangalore Hockey Stadium
2) Raipur International Hockey Stadium
3) Biju Patnaik Hockey Stadium
4) Birsa Munda Stadium
5) Major Dhyan Chand Hockey Stadium
Answer- **4) Birsa Munda Stadium**
Explanation:
Birsa Munda Stadium in Ranchi, Jharkhand is the largest Hockey stadium in India.

77. Where is the Ramsar site, "Loktak Lake" located?
1) Jammu & Kashmir
2) Ladakh
3) Odisha
4) Manipur
5) Assam
Answer- **4) Manipur**
Explanation:
Loktak Lake, one of India's largest Ramsar sites, is located in Manipur.

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78. How many districts are there in the National Capital Territory of Delhi?
1) 9
2) 22
3) 15
4) 6
5) 11
Answer- **5) 11**
Explanation:
The National Capital Territory of Delhi has 11 Districts.

79. What are the positions previously held by WHO Chief Scientist Dr Soumya Swaminathan?
A) WHO's Deputy Director-General for Programmes
B) Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research
C) Secretary to the Government of India for Health Research
1) All A, B & C
2) Only B & C
3) Only A & C
4) Only A & B
5) Only B
Answer- **1) All A, B & C**
Explanation:
Dr. Soumya Swaminathan is an Indian paediatrician and clinical scientist, who currently serves as the **Chief Scientist** of World Health Organisation (**WHO**).
Positions previously held by her includes:
i.WHO's Deputy Director-General for Programmes
ii. Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research
iii. Secretary to the Government of India for Health Research

80. Where do India's ethnic tribe group, "Dard Tribe" belong to?
1) Ladakh
2) Punjab
3) Uttarakhand
4) Arunachal Pradesh
5) Assam
Answer- **1) Ladakh**
Explanation:
Buddhist **Dard Tribe** who are known for Speaking "**Dardi**", a sublanguage of Indo-Arayan language have been following the ancient Aryan Culture despite facing several challenges over centuries.
Aryan village or Aryan valley is an exotic area in the valleys of kargil and ladakh in the Union Territory of **Ladakh**.

81. Which of the following studies is wrongly matched with its field?
1) Carpology - Study of Seeds & Fruits
2) Dendrology - Study of Trees
3) Geoponics - Study of Rainfall
4) Edaphology - Study of Soil

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5) Entomology - Study of Insects

Answer- **3) Geoponics - Study of Rainfall**

Explanation:

Study	Field
Carpology	Study of Seeds & Fruits
Dendrology or Xylology	Study of Trees
Edaphology	Study of Soil
Entomology	Study of Insects
Geoponics	Study of Agriculture
Hyetology	Study of Rainfall

82. Match the following crops with the leading producer states of India:

i. Rice	**a. Assam**
ii. Sugar Cane	**b. Uttar Pradesh**
iii. Rubber	**c. Kerala**
iv. Tea	**d. West Bengal**

1) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b

2) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d

3) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b

4) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d

5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a

Answer- **5) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a**

Explanation:

Crop	Major producer State
Rice	West Bengal
Sugar Cane	Uttar Pradesh
Rubber	Kerala
Tea	Assam

83. Which of the following West flowing rivers of India does not drain in the Arabian Sea?

1) Indus

2) Luni

3) Sabarmati

4) Narmada

5) Tapi

Answer- **2) Luni**

Explanation:

West Flowing rivers of India:

Draining in Arabian sea - Indus, Narmada, Tapi, Sabarmati and Mahi.

Whereas, **Luni & Gaghara rivers** drain and disappear in the desert region of Rajasthan without draining into sea.

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84. Select the correct sequence of East-ward flowing rivers in India from North to South:
1) Damodar - Mahanadi - Godavari - Kambini - Musi
2) Mahanadi - Damodar - Godavari - Kambini - Musi
3) Damodar - Mahanadi - Godavari - Musi - Kambini
4) Mahanadi - Damodar - Godavari - Musi - Kambini
5) Mahanadi - Damodar - Kambini - Godavari - Musi
Answer- **3) Damodar - Mahanadi - Godavari - Musi - Kambini**
Explanation:
East-ward flowing rivers in India from North to South: **Damodar - Mahanadi - Godavari - Musi - Kambini**

85. Name the International Airport of Delhi
1) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
2) Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport
3) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport
4) Kempegowda International Airport
5) Indira Gandhi International Airport
Answer- **5) Indira Gandhi International Airport**
Explanation:
Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport became the World's 1st Airport to complete 1,000 movements of sustainable taxing of aircraft with TaxiBot.
TaxiBot, is a Semi-robotic aircraft tractor, used to tow an aircraft from the terminal gate to the take-off point.

86. Identify Kharif Crop from the given options
1) Tobacco
2) Sunflower
3) Paddy
4) Maize
5) Wheat
Answer- **3) Paddy**
Explanation:
Due to the shortage of migrant labours, **Punjab** govt. has decided to bring 1 million hectares of **Paddy** cultivation land under the Direct Seeding of Rice (**DSR**) technique, in the onset of **Kharif** season(July - September).
Direct seeding is a method where pre-germinated seeds are directly drilled into the field by a tractor-powered machine.
Options - Tobacco, Sunflower, Maize, Wheat are all **Rabi** Crops (October - March)

87. Where is the headquarters of Cairn Energy located?
1) Copenhagen, Denmark
2) Edinburgh, United Kingdom
3) Rotterdam, Netherlands
4) Seattle, United States of America
5) Helsinki, Finland
Answer- **2) Edinburgh, United Kingdom**

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Explanation:
Oil & Gas exploration company, **Cairn Energy Plc**, is headquartered at **Edinburgh, United Kingdom.** In May 2021, Cairn Energy Plc initiated a $1.2-billion lawsuit against **Air India** in a U.S. District Court.

88. Where is the World's Tallest Monolithic Statue "Gommateshwara Statue" located?
1) Gujarat
2) Bihar
3) Odisha
4) Karnataka
5) Madhya Pradesh
Answer- **4) Karnataka**
Explanation:
Gommateshwara statue, the **World's tallest monolithic statue (57-feet)** that is carved out of a single block of granite is located in the Indian state of **Karnataka**.

89. Which is the largest satellite of the Solar System?
1) Ganymede
2) Moon
3) Titan
4) Phobos
5) Europa
Answer- **1) Ganymede**
Explanation:
Ganymede, a satellite of **Jupiter**, is the largest and most massive of the Solar System's moons.

90. Which of the following awards is also known as "Green Oscar"?
1) Harvey Prize
2) Turing Award
3) World Habitat Award
4) Whitley Award
5) Kyoto Prize
Answer- **4) Whitley Award**
Explanation:
Whitley Award, also known as "**Green Oscar**" is annually distributed to global environment conservation leaders to recognise their contribution to Nature.

91. How many countries are there in the World's largest continent - Asia?
1) 39
2) 48
3) 63
4) 54
5) 27
Answer- **2) 48**
Explanation:
Asia is the most populous continent in the world. Asia consists of 48 countries and 3 other territories (Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao).

92. Match the following Mountain ranges with their respective Country:

i. Ural Mountains	**a. South America**
ii. Atlas Mountains	**b. Russia**
iii. Andes Mountains	**c. Africa**
iv. Rocky Mountain	**d. North America**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
3) i-a, ii-b, iii-d, iv-c
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
5) i-b, ii-a, iii-d, iv-c

Answer- **2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d**

Explanation:

Mountain range	Location
Ural Mountains	Russia
Atlas Mountains	Africa
Andes Mountains	South America
Rocky Mountain	North America

93. In the recent (May'21) conflict between Israel and Palestinian forces, Israel extensively used its Iron Dome Defence system. What is Iron Dome?

1) Anti-Satellite Weapon System
2) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
3) Radar Guided Torpedoes
4) Supersonic Cruise Missile
5) Anti-Missile Defence System

Answer- **5) Anti-Missile Defence System**

Explanation:

Iron Dome is an **Anti-Missile Defence System** that is used to destroy incoming missiles using **radar guided interceptor** missiles. Over 2000 missiles were intercepted by the Iron Dome system in the ongoing conflict.

94. Name the longest river of United Kingdom:

1) River Severn
2) River Thames
3) Volga River
4) Rhine River
5) Ural River

Answer- **1) River Severn**

Explanation:

As a result of conservatory projects in River Severn, one of the rarest fish **"Twaite Shad"** is set to return to the river system.

River Severn is the longest river of the United Kingdom.

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95. What gives the rotten egg smell to LPG gas?
1) Hydrogen Sulfide
2) Ethyl Mercaptan
3) Acetylene
4) Chloroprene
5) Dimethyl Sulfide
Answer- **2) Ethyl Mercaptan**
Explanation:
LPG gas is basically **propane and butane**, which are colorless & odorless in natural state. **Ethyl Mercaptan** is added to LPG, to give a Rotten egg smell to the gas, as an indication of leakage.

96. What type of reaction takes place in a Catalytic converter?
1) Precipitation reaction
2) Neutralization reaction
3) Decomposition reaction
4) Redox reaction
5) Combustion reaction
Answer- **4) Redox reaction**
Explanation:
Catalytic converters use **reduction and oxidation (redox) reactions** to reduce harmful emissions from vehicles. They use a reduction catalyst composed of **Platinum, Palladium or Rhodium**. It helps reduce nitrogen oxides (NOx) by removing nitrogen atoms from nitrogen oxide molecules (NO and NO2).

97. Which is the only satellite to reach interstellar space leaving the solar system (Heliosphere)?
1) Voyager 1
2) Sputnik 1
3) Explorer 1
4) Galileo
5) Ulysses
Answer- **1) Voyager 1**
Explanation:
On 25th August, 2012, **NASA's Voyager 1** became the 1st and only satellite to reach interstellar space **leaving the solar system (Heliosphere)**.
Voyager 1 spacecraft detected **humming sound** in interstellar space. Scientists believe that the sound is caused by the small amounts of gas that is present in space.

98. Which of the following is known as "Jewel in the crown of Kashmir" or "Srinagar's Jewel"?
1) Amarnath Cave Temple
2) Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden
3) Dal Lake
4) Vaishno Devi Temple
5) Shalimar Bagh Mughal Garden
Answer- **3) Dal Lake**
Explanation:
Dal Lake in Srinagar is also known as **"Jewel in the crown of Kashmir" or "Srinagar's Jewel"**

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Tariq Ahmad Patloo, a boat owner from J&K has started a **floating ambulance service over Dal Lake** for COVID-19 patients. The boat ambulance is equipped with healthcare facilities like PPE kits, stretchers, wheelchair and many more.

99. Match the following religious texts with their respective religions:

i. Adi Granth	**a. Judaism**
ii. Torah	**b. Buddhism**
iii. Tattvartha Sutra	**c. Jainism**
iv. Tripitaka	**d. Sikhism**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d

Answer- **4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b**

Explanation:

Holy Text	Religion
Adi Granth	Sikhism
Torah	Judaism
Tattvartha Sutra	Jainism
Tripitaka	Buddhism

100. Where is Lake Van located?

1) Turkey
2) Israel
3) Iran
4) Saudi Arabia
5) Afghanistan

Answer- **1) Turkey**

Explanation:

In May 2021, A photograph of Turkey's **Lake Van** taken from space by an astronaut was crowned the winner of the Tournament Earth competition conducted by NASA.

101. Shavuot, also known as "Feast of Weeks" is annually celebrated among people of which religion?

1) Zoroastrianism
2) Buddhism
3) Sikhism
4) Christianity
5) Judaism

Answer- **5) Judaism**

Explanation:

Shavuot, also known as **"Feast of Weeks"** is annually celebrated among people following **Judaism**. **Jewish** people across the globe celebrate the festival by listening to the **ten commandments**.

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102. In May 2021, BJ Watling, famous wicket keeper-batsman announced retirement from International Cricket. Which country did he represent in International cricket?
1) Ireland
2) England
3) New Zealand
4) Australia
5) South Africa
Answer- **3) New Zealand**
Explanation:
New Zealand wicket keeper-batsman **BJ Watling** announced retirement from International Cricket in May 2021. He represented New Zealand in 73 Tests, 28 ODIs and 5 T20Is.

103. Which mountain forms a natural boundary between Asia and Europe?
1) Caucasus Mountains
2) Mount Elbrus
3) Altai Mountains
4) Ural Mountains
5) Hindu Kush
Answer- **4) Ural Mountains**
Explanation:
Russia's **Ural Mountain** forms a natural boundary between Asia and Europe.

104. In many parts of India, diabetic patients who are affected by Covid-19 were also affected by the rare disease called "Mucormycosis". What is Mucormycosis?
1) Viral disease
2) Bacterial disease
3) Protozoan disease
4) Fungal disease
5) Type of Cancer
Answer- **4) Fungal disease**
Explanation:
Mucormycosis is a serious but rare type of fungal infection, which is commonly called **"Black fungus"**. In May 2021, Black fungus (Mucormycosis) was notified as an **epidemic** by all the states & UTs of India

105. Match the following states with their respective state animal:

i. Himachal Pradesh	**a. Red Panda**
ii. Meghalaya	**b. Snow Leopard**
iii. Sikkim	**c. Clouded Leopard**
iv. Mizoram	**d. Himalayan Serow**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
Answer- **2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d**

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Explanation:

State	Animal
Himachal Pradesh	Snow Leopard
Meghalaya	Clouded Leopard
Sikkim	Red Panda
Mizoram	Himalayan Serow

106. The United Nations General Assembly has adopted 2021 as the International Year of _____.

1) Fruits and Vegetables
2) Elimination of Child Labour
3) Creative Economy for Sustainable Development
4) Peace and Trust
5) All the Above

Answer- **5) All the Above**

Explanation:

The United Nations General Assembly adopted **2021 as the International Year of**

i.Fruits and Vegetables
ii. Elimination of Child Labour
iii. Creative Economy for Sustainable Development
iv. Peace and Trust

107. Where is Pualreng Wildlife Sanctuary located?

1) Jharkhand
2) Sikkim
3) Arunachal Pradesh
4) Chhattisgarh
5) Mizoram

Answer- **5) Mizoram**

Explanation:

In Mizoram's Pualreng Wildlife Sanctuary, Zoologists have discovered a rare species of Tree frog called Doria's foam-nesting tree frog. The frog can change its shin color and whips up foam to protect its eggs.

108. Match the following Achievement with the respective achievers:

i. First Indian Woman Doctor	**a. Anandi Gopal Joshi**
ii. First Indian Woman to receive Jnanpith Award	**b. Bhanu Athaiya**
iii. First Indian Woman to become Miss World	**c. Reita Faria**
iv. First Indian Women to win Oscar Award	**d. Ashapoorna Devi**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d

Answer- **3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b**

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Explanation:

Achievement	Personality
First Indian Woman Doctor	Anandi Gopal Joshi
First Indian Woman to receive Jnanpith Award	Ashapoorna Devi
First Indian Woman to become Miss World	Reita Faria
First Indian Women to win Oscar Award	Bhanu Athaiya

109. Match the following Military exercises conducted by Indian Army with the respective Foreign Countries:

i. Surya Kiran	**a. Maldives**
ii. Ekuverin	**b. Oman**
iii. Bold Kurukshetra	**c. Singapore**
iv. Al Nagah	**d. Nepal**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d

Answer- **4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b**

Explanation:

Joint Military Exercise	Country
Surya Kiran	Nepal
Ekuverin	Maldives
Bold Kurukshetra	Singapore
Al Nagah	Oman

110. Where is the Volcanic mountain, Mount Nyiragongo located?

1) Congo
2) Chile
3) Ecuador
4) Peru
5) Tanzania

Answer- **1) Congo**

Explanation:

In May 2021, a deadly volcano erupted from **Mount Nyiragongo** in the Goma city of **Democratic Republic of Congo**, killing at least 15 people.

111. Match the following tribes with their respective State/UT:

i. Bonda	**a. Meghalaya**
ii. Irula	**b. Tamil Nadu**
iii. Kashi	**c. Andaman & Nicobar**
iv. Jarawas	**d. Odisha**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d

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3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
Answer- **1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c**
Explanation:

Tribe	State/UT
Bonda	Odisha
Irula	Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka
Kashi	Meghalaya, Assam, Mizoram
Jarawas	Andaman & Nicobar islands

112. Gholvad Sapota, is a GI tagged product of which state?
1) Karnataka
2) West Bengal
3) Tamil Nadu
4) Maharashtra
5) Gujarat
Answer- **4) Maharashtra**
Explanation:
Gholvad Sapota is a Geographical Identification (GI) tagged product of Palghar district in **Maharashtra**. GI tag is a unique identification given to a product based on its originality to a region. GI tags are given by **World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)**

113. When did Sikkim become a State of the Indian Union?
1) 1991
2) 1975
3) 1983
4) 1956
5) 2001
Answer- **2) 1975**
Explanation:
On 16 May **1975**, **Sikkim** became the **22nd state** of the Indian Union, and the monarchy was abolished.

114. Match the following Monuments with their builders:

i. Fatehpur Sikri	**a. Raja Raja Chola**
ii. Brihadeeswara Temple	**b. Akbar**
iii. Konarak Sun Temple	**c. Narasingha Deva I**
iv. Charminar	**d. Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
Answer- **5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d**

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Explanation:

Monuments	Built by
Fatehpur Sikri	Akbar
Brihadeeswara Temple	Raja Raja Chola
Konarak Sun Temple	Narasingha Deva I
Charminar	Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah

115. Match the following mountain passes with their location:

i. Rohtang La	**a. Sikkim**
ii. Jelep La	**b. Uttarakhand**
iii. Karakoram Pass	**c. Ladakh**
iv. Mana Pass	**d. Himachal Pradesh**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d

Answer- **4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b**

Explanation:

Mountain Pass	Location
Rohtang La	Himachal Pradesh (Kullu Valley - Spiti Valley)
Jelep La	Sikkim (India-China)
Karakoram Pass	Ladakh (India-China)
Mana Pass	Uttarakhand (India-China)

116. Which is the brightest star in the night sky?

1) Sirius
2) Beta Centauri
3) Proxima Centauri
4) Vega
5) Alpha Centauri

Answer- **1) Sirius**

Explanation:

Sirius, also called Alpha Canis Majoris or the Dog Star, is the brightest star in the night sky.

117. Match the following Indian Research Organisations with their locations:

i. National Institute for MSME	**a. Karnal, Haryana**
ii. Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology	**b. Hyderabad, Telangana**
iii. National Dairy Research Institute	**c. Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu**
iv. Botanical Survey of India	**d. Kolkata, West Bengal**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b

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5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
Answer- **2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d**
Explanation:

Research Organisation	Location
National Institute for MSME	Hyderabad, Telangana
Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History	Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
National Dairy Research Institute	Karnal, Haryana
Botanical Survey of India	Kolkata, West Bengal

118. Where is Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve located?
1) Jharkhand
2) Chhattisgarh
3) Madhya Pradesh
4) Karnataka
5) Maharashtra
Answer- **5) Maharashtra**
Explanation:
Due to the increasing tiger population in **Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra** government has decided to expand the area covered under the tiger reserve to avoid human-tiger conflicts.

119. Who is the only Indian Prime Minister to receive Pakistan's highest civilian award "Nishan-e-Pakistan"?
1) Narendra Modi
2) Gulzarilal Nanda
3) Indira Gandhi
4) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
5) Morarji Desai
Answer- **5) Morarji Desai**
Explanation:
Morarji Desai is the only Indian Prime Minister to receive Pakistan's highest civilian award **"Nishan-e-Pakistan"** in 1990. Notably, he was also the **1st Indian** to receive the award.

120. MPEDA was established as a statutory body under which ministry?
1) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
2) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
3) Ministry of Jal Shakti
4) Ministry of Commerce & Industry
5) Ministry of Science and Technology
Answer- **4) Ministry of Commerce & Industry**
Explanation:
The **Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)** is a statutory body that was established in 1972 under the **Ministry of Commerce & Industry** for promotion of export of marine products from India

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121. Where is the headquarters of Wildlife Institute of India (WII) located?

1) Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
2) New Delhi
3) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
4) Kolkata, West Bengal
5) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **3) Dehradun, Uttarakhand**

Explanation:

Wildlife Institute of India (**WII**) is headquartered at **Dehradun, Uttarakhand**.

122. Match the following GI Tagged Products to their state of origin:

i. Sohrai Khovar Painting	**a. Bihar**
ii. Thanjavur Pith Works	**b. Tamil Nadu**
iii. Shahi Litchi	**c. Maharashtra**
iv. Gholvad Sapota	**d. Jharkhand**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d

Answer- **1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c**

Explanation:

GI Tagged Products	State
Sohrai Khovar Painting	Jharkhand
Thanjavur Pith Works	Tamil Nadu
Shahi Litchi	Bihar
Gholvad Sapota	Maharashtra

123. Match the following Health Insurance schemes with their respective state:

i. Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Aarogya Yojana	**a. West Bengal**
ii. YSR Aarogyasri Scheme	**b. Maharashtra**
iii. Swasthya Sathi Health Insurance Scheme	**c. Andhra Pradesh**
iv. Mukhya Mantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana	**d. Rajasthan**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d

Answer- **2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d**

Explanation:

Health Insurance Scheme	State
Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Aarogya Yojana	Maharashtra
YSR Aarogyasri Scheme	Andhra Pradesh
Swasthya Sathi Health Insurance Scheme	West Bengal

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Mukhya Mantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana	Rajasthan

124. Where is Galwan Valley located?
1) Sikkim
2) Uttarakhand
3) Jammu & Kashmir
4) Ladakh
5) Arunachal Pradesh
Answer- **4) Ladakh**
Explanation:
Galwan Valley is located in the disputed Aksai Chin region between India & China in the Union Territory of **Ladakh**.

125. Match the following UN bodies with their respective Headquarters:

i. UN-HABITAT	**a. Nairobi, Kenya**
ii. Food and Agriculture Organization	**b. Geneva, Switzerland**
iii. UNESCO	**c. Paris, France**
iv. International Labour Organization	**d. Rome, Italy**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
Answer- **3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b**
Explanation:

UN Organisation	Headquarters
UN-HABITAT	Nairobi, Kenya
Food and Agriculture Organization	Rome, Italy
UNESCO	Paris, France
International Labour Organization	Geneva, Switzerland

126. Who was the 1st Indian woman to scale all the Seven highest peaks of the world?
1) Arunima Sinha
2) Premlata Agrawal
3) Santosh Yadav
4) Bachendri Pal
5) Malavath Purna
Answer- **2) Premlata Agrawal**
Explanation:
Premlata Agrawal is the first Indian woman to scale the Seven Summits, the seven highest continental peaks of the world.

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127. _____ shall appoint the Chief Justice of High Courts under the provisions of _____ of the Constitution of India.

1) Governor, Article 124
2) Chief Justice of India, Article 124
3) Governor, Article 155
4) President of India, Article 223
5) President of India, Article 124

Answer- **4) President of India, Article 223**

Explanation:

Under the provisions of **Article 223** of the Constitution of India, the President shall appoint the Chief Justice of High Courts.

128. Match the following Awards with their field:

i. Jnanpith Award	**a. Highest Peacetime Military Award of India**
ii. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna	**b. Highest Literary Award of India**
iii. Ashoka Chakra	**c. Highest Sporting Award of India**
iv. Param Vir Chakra	**d. Highest Wartime Military Award of India**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d

Answer- **2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d**

Explanation:

Awards	Field
Jnanpith Award	Highest Literary Award of India
Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna	Highest Sporting Award of India
Ashoka Chakra	Highest Peacetime Military Award of India
Param Vir Chakra	Highest Wartime Military Award of India

129. Who is the present (as of May'21) Chairman & Managing Director of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)?

1) Shashi Shanker
2) Gurdeep Singh
3) Subhash Kumar
4) Soma Mondal
5) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

Answer- **3) Subhash Kumar**

Explanation:

ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) is the international arm of ONGC, has lost the development project of Iran's Farzad-B gas field to an Iranian company. The gas rich field was discovered by OVL in 2008.

About ONGC:

Chairman & MD - Subhash Kumar
Established - 1956
Headquarters - New Delhi

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130. Which is the longest river of Odisha?
1) Mahanadi
2) Godavari
3) Koshi
4) Narmada
5) Ganges
Answer- **1) Mahanadi**
Explanation:
Fishing ban in the 10 Km stretch of **Mahanadi** river in **Odisha**, has increased the population of **Gharial**, a crocodile species. Mahanadi is the longest river of Odisha.
i.Gharials are found along the tributaries of Indus, Ganges, Brahmaputra and Mahanadi-Brahmani river system.
ii. Odisha is the **only Indian State** to have all three species of crocodiles (**Gharial, Mugger and Saltwater crocodiles**) found in the natural environment.

131. Which is the World's only Floating National Park?
1) Kruger National Park
2) Valley of Flowers National Park
3) Iguazú National Park
4) Keibul Lamjao National Park
5) Pin Valley National Park
Answer- **4) Keibul Lamjao National Park**
Explanation:
Keibul Lamjao National Park, the world's only floating wildlife sanctuary, is located at Loktak Lake in Manipur.

132. Which is the Capital city of Syria?
1) Damascus
2) Beirut
3) Tehran
4) Baghdad
5) Yerevan
Answer- **1) Damascus**
Explanation:
About Syria:
President– Bashar al-Assad
Capital– Damascus
Currency– Syrian pound

133. Pick the 2019-Lok Sabha constituency of Union Women & Child Development Minister, Smriti Irani:
1) Hassan, Karnataka
2) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
3) Ranchi, Jharkhand
4) Nashik, Maharashtra
5) Amethi, Uttar Pradesh

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Answer- **5) Amethi, Uttar Pradesh**
Explanation:
Amethi, Uttar Pradesh is the 2019-Lok Sabha constituency of Union Women & Child Development Minister, **Smriti Irani**.

134. Match the following positions in Govt. of India with the current incharge (as of May'21) of the job:

i. Defence Secretary	**a. Harsh Vardhan Shringla**
ii. Foreign Secretary	**b. Ajay Kumar**
iii. Finance Secretary	**c. T.V.Somanathan**
iv. Economic Affairs Secretary	**d. Ajay Seth**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
Answer- **5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d**
Explanation:

Position	Held by
Defence Secretary	Ajay Kumar
Foreign Secretary	Harsh Vardhan Shringla
Finance Secretary	T.V.Somanathan
Economic Affairs Secretary	Ajay Seth

135. Select the Wrongly matched UNESCO protected Biosphere Reserve site:
1) Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve - Tamil Nadu
2) Kanchenjunga Biosphere Reserve - Sikkim
3) Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve - Madhya Pradesh
4) Nokrek Biosphere Reserve - Meghalaya
5) Similipal Biosphere Reserve - Rajasthan
Answer- **5) Similipal Biosphere Reserve - Rajasthan**
Explanation:
Similipal Biosphere Reserve, a UNESCO designated Biosphere reserve, is located in **Odisha**.

136. Where is the headquarters of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) located?
1) Washington DC, USA
2) London, United Kingdom
3) Zurich, Switzerland
4) Paris, France
5) Vienna, Austria
Answer- **4) Paris, France**

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Explanation:

About International Astronomical Union (IAU):

President – Ewine van Dishoeck

Founded – 1919

Headquarters – Paris, France

137. Match the following Trophy with their respective sport:

i. Sultan Azlan Shah Cup	**a. Badminton**
ii. Rovers Cup	**b. Hockey**
iii. Thomas Cup	**c. Football**
iv. Deodhar Trophy	**d. Cricket**

1) i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d
3) i-a, ii-d, iii-c, iv-b
4) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
5) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d

Answer- **2) i-b, ii-c, iii-a, iv-d**

Explanation:

Tournament	Sport
Sultan Azlan Shah Cup	Hockey
Rovers Cup	Football
Thomas Cup	Badminton
Deodhar Trophy	Cricket

138. The disputed Mekedatu dam is constructed across which river?

1) Cauvery
2) Mahanadi
3) Krishna
4) Godavari
5) Narmada

Answer- **1) Cauvery**

Explanation:

In May 2021, the National Green Tribunal (**NGT**) set-up a review committee to report on the alleged violation of norms in the construction of a reservoir across the **Cauvery** river at **Mekedatu** in **Karnataka**.

Cauvery river has a water sharing dispute between the states of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry (UT).

139. Who authored the book, "Nehru, Tibet and China"?

1) Dalai Lama
2) Shashi Tharoor
3) Avtar Singh Bhasin
4) Penpa Tsering
5) Amitabh Mattoo

Answer- **3) Avtar Singh Bhasin**

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Explanation:
Avtar Singh Bhasin authored his new book titled, "Nehru, Tibet and China"

140. Where is Govind Pashu Vihar National Park located?
1) Sikkim
2) Ladakh
3) Himachal Pradesh
4) Uttarakhand
5) Jammu & Kashmir
Answer- **4) Uttarakhand**
Explanation:
Uttarakhand High court has warned the state government for forcing Van Gujjar community to live in an open area, after being denied entry into **Govind Pashu Vihar National Park**. The high court stated that the "**Right to life & personal liberty**" under **Article 21** of the community is violated by Uttarakhand State govt.
Van Gujjars are nomadic buffalo-herders living at the foothills of Himalayan states like Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

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